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Pabst Blue Ribbon beer, "The Beer That Made Milwaukee Famous," is quitting in Milwaukee, ending a 150-year tradition. About 250 workers will lose their jobs.

St. Louis Cardinals were Central Division Champions for the 1996 baseball season.

Winner of thirteen Gold Glove awards, Ozzie Smith retired from America's favorite pastime, breaking the hearts of many loval St. Louis Cardinals fans.

Hurricane Fran reaked havoc in Cape Fear, N.C. in September. The hurricane killed thirty-four and destroyed more than \$1 billion worth of property with her 115-mph winds.

Lou Holtz resigned as Notre Dame football coach with a 99-29-2 record. Coach Holtz is six games short of tying Knute Rockne's record.

Jerry Reinsdorf, General Manager for the Chicago White Sox signed Albert Belle to a contract with the White Sox for Som illion. Belle will receive \$10 million a year for the next five years.

A runway collision of two aircraft killed 12 people in Quincy, Illinois in November 1996.

Michael Jackson announced he would be a father. Soon after, he married Debbie Rowe, the mother of his child. Debbie gave birth to a hov in February.

TWA flight 800 en route to Paris from New York crashed off of Long Island in July 1996 killing 230 people.

Delino DeShields joined the Cardinals. The former L.A. Dodger signed with the Cardinal organization to receive \$1.5 million for the next season with the option for nearly \$2 million for the 1998 season.

Tommy Lee and Pamela Anderson filed for divorce after their 21-month marriage, which included the birth of schild, Brandon Lee. To win back Pamela, Tommy swore off drugs, alcohol, and loose women. With this, Pamela returned to Malibu, where the couple resides, from selfimposed exile in Aspen. The couple eventually separated for good.

To mark the 20th anniversary of the first 'Rocky' movie, five countries (Gambia, Ghana, Uganda, St. Vincent and



Grenada) issued stamps with the face of Rocky Balboa. Sylvester Stallone made Rocky famous.

Northwestern football coach Gary Barnett said "Thanks, but no thanks," to Notre Dame in regard to their coaching offer.

The Sands Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas was brought down by dynamite in late November 1996 to make room for another larger hotel and essino.

Disneyland fans said good-bye to the Electric Parade on November 26, 1996. It will no longer be a part of the festivities in Disneyland, California.

Mike Tyson made \$75 million for three fights, all of which were sponsored by Don King.

According to the Harris Poll, Mel Gibson was voted as America's favorite movie star in 1996. Second place went to John Wayne, Steven Segal was third, Clint Eastwood fourth, and Arnold Schwarzenegger and Tom Cruise tied for fifth.

After being a free agent for 48 hours, Alex Fernandez received a \$35 million, five-year contract from the Florida Marlins on December 9, 1996. This made Fernandez baseball's second-highest-paid pitcher behind Atlanta's John Smoltz, who will average \$7.75 million under his four-year contract with the Braves. In terms of total dollars, Fernandez's package is the most for a pitcher.

Frank Sinatra turned 81 years old December 12, 1996. He celebrated his birthday with a party at his home in Beverly Hills. New York City decided to honor Ol' Blue Eyes by lighting up the top of the Empire State Building to help celebrate his 81 years.

On December 15, 1996, McDonnell-Douglas Corporation agreed to merge with the Boeing Company, surrendering its independence to form the world's largest aerospace company. This was a \$13.3 billion deal.

A freighter crashed into a riverfront hotel-shopping complex in New Orleans on December 14, 1996. A total of 116 people were hurt when the freighter "Bright Field" struck the Riverwalk. People raced from stores and eateries and leapt from a gambling boat moments before the crash.

A Value Jet airliner crashed into the Florida Everglades, killing all its passengers, and sparking concern and debate over airline regulations and standards.

When a three year-old boy fell into the gorilla habitat at Illinois' Brookfield Zoo, Binti-Jua, an eight year old female Simian Gorilla, carried the boy to safety. For her heroics, Binti received a medal of honor from the American Legion and thousands of letters from her adoring fans.

After 63 years of cleaning diapers, the Dydee Diaper Service of Boston, MA, folded. Victimized by the competition from Pampers, Huggies and other plastic disposables, the country's second oldest diaper cleaning service went out of business.

In December, the St. Louis Blues fired head coach General Manager Mike Keenan. Keenan was a part of the Blues organization for two and a half years. He was replaced by Joel Quenneville.

The St. Louis Rams lost their head coach Rich Brooks in December. He was fired. Brooks coached the Rams since they moved to St. Louis in 1994. The Rams failed to have a winning season in the two years under Brooks' leadership. W

On September 21, 1996, John F. Kennedy Jr. married Carolyn Bessette at a secret ceremony on Cumberland Island, GA. Millions of women all over the world mourned the loss of the country's most eligible bachelor.

After 15 years on morning TV, Bryant Gumbel left the "Today" show on NBC.

Hillary Rodham Clinton shied away from confrontation. The 48-year-old First Lady championed the massive healthcare reform plan but it never became law. Nevertheless, Mrs. Clinton pushed ahead and had a long history of work on children's issues.

Television shows will now be rated. TV-Y for shows appropriate for all ages, TV-Tor shows with some violence or other material unsuitable for children under seven TV-G for all audiences, TV-PG for parental guidance suggested, TV-14 for programs not suitable for children under 14, and TV-M for mature audiences only. The ratings would be made by producers and distributors of shows. Each network will be able to decide if it chooses to participate in the rating of the shows.

The Hacienda Hotel & Casino was brought down by explosives at the stroke of midnight on December 31, 1996. Construction of a new hotel began immediately after the area was cleared.

Twelve days after the official beginning of winter, the temperatures scooted all the way up to 72 on Thursday, January 2, 1997 breaking the record by four degrees set in 1964. The normal high is 38-degrees. Last year at this time, the St. Louis area was buried under 8 to 10 inches of show. Schools and business closed, and airplanes were unable to take off or land.

It was the greatest year in history for American women's athletics. More fans attended the women's NCAA basketball final than the men's game. Also, American women took 19 gold medals at the Atlanta Summer Olympics.

In August, NASA announced that a small meteorite held evidence of bacteria-like life on Mars, the fourth rock from the sun.

When Hawaii proposed the legalization of same-sex marriages, Congress responded by passing the Defense of Marriage Act, denying federal recognition of same-sex marriages.

According to Money Magazine, the safest city in the United States in 1996 was Amherst, New York, while St. Louis was the third most dangerous, being outranked only by Newark, New Jersey and Atlanta, Georgia.

Beck was named Artist of the Year by several music magazines, including Rolling Stone and Spin. "There wasn't much competition," stated the twenty-six year-old performer.

On April 11, seven year-old Jessica Dubroff plummetted to her death during her attempt to become the youngest child to fly solo across the country. Within hours of the crash, the site of the plane wreck was piled with stuffed animals brought by strangers.

The notorious and elusive "Unabomber," aka Ted Kaczynski, was finally apprehended by the FBI in April. During this maladjusted Montana mountain man's twenty year-long career of building and malling bombs from his small shanty, the Unabomber was personally responsible for the deaths of three and the wounding of twenty three people with bombs. He had his 35,000 word manifesto published in the New York Times in 1995. Alexandra Nechita, an eleven year-old Californian, sold over \$2 million worth of her Picasso-esque paintings.

When six year-old Jonathan Prevette kissed a classmate, he was slapped with a sexual harassment charge.

In January, Newt Gingrich was re-elected Speaker of the House, despite his ethical breaches. He may have won, but he lost the support of many fellow Republican Congressmen.

A California high school made headlines in early 1997 when it began teaching "Ebonics" as an official subject. A combination of the words "ebony" and "phonics," Ebonics teaches "street" language.

The Presidential Inauguration was held on January 20 coinciding with the federal holiday observing Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday. President Clinton was the first Democrat to be elected to a second term since Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Monday, January 13, Steve Fossett lifted off in a hot air balloon from Busch Stadium in St. Louis. Fossett was going to attempt a flight around the world. After one week he was forced to land in India after running out of fuel.

Sixty year old Dick Vermeil was named the Ram's new head coach. Vermeil has not been on the side lines in 14 years.

The Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement stormed the Japanese ambassador's residence in Lima, Peru on December 17, 1996, demanding the release of hundreds of jailed comrades. The rebels took more than 500 diplomats hostage.

On Monday, February 17, 1996, the new entrance from the back parking lot at G.C.H.S. finally opened to students, faculty, and staff.

In Scotland, sheep were cloned. Soon after, scientists in the USA reported cloning monkeys.

The "Roseanne" show was cancelled after 10 seasons.

McDonald's announced it would, with approval of its Board of Directors, sell the Big Mac and other sandwiches for 55cents with the purchase of large fries and a large drink.

The Democratic party nominated Clarence Harmon by a 58 to 41 percent vote over Freemon Bosley for the St. Louis mayoral race.













- The New York Yankees brought a world championship back to the Bronx by edging the defending champion Atlanta Braves 3-2 in Game 6 of the World Series. This was the first champital the World Series. This was the first champilary of the World Series and their 23rd Journal.
- 2. Olympic gold medal winner Michael Johnson was what track coaches call speed endurance—the ability to carry top speed. He proved he had endurance-plus. Johnson won an unprecedented double win in the Summer Olympics in Atlanta. He won the 200 and 400 meter race.
- 3. It was late in the third quarter when Desmond Howard of the Green Bay Packers returned his first kick off for a touchdown as a pro, And it was a whopper—a 38-yard return for the longest kick off return in Super Bowl history. The Packers went on to beat the New England Patriots 35 21 in Super Bowl XXXI.
- 4. The seven members of the U.S. women's gym-nastic team won the unlikeliest of the gold medals in the unlikeliest of fashions. Team member Kerri Strug made the clinching vault on a bad ankle, and became an Olympic heroine the instant she landed. Her coach, Bela Karolyi, carried her to the stand to be awarded the gold medal.
- 5. A deadly explosion disrupted the Olympic Games. Just as the Games were turning Atlanta into a giddy metropolis overflowing with tourists, a pipe bomb packed with nails exploded in the crowded Centennial Olympic Park. One person died instantly and another died of a heart attack. More than 100 people were injured.















1. Ross Perot, who four years earlier won more votes than any other inde pendent Presidential candidate in 80 years, launched a campaign as the 1996 nominee of the Reform Party. The sixty-six-year-old Texas billionaire was a less formidable figure than he was in 1994, but a very vocal candidate nevertheless. Lacing his speeches with inspirational anecdotes from American history and his own life. Perot lambasted budget deficits and big government.

 William Jefferson Clinton began his second term in January 1997 as the forty-second President of the United States. He placed his left hand on a family bible held by his wife and took the thirty-five word oath of office administered by Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist.

3. For the first time in its history, the House of Representatives voted to reprimand and fine its speaker for bringing discredit on the House. The House Ethics Committee ruled that House Speaker Newt Gingrich was involved in using tax-exempt foundation money for his political ends.

4. Bob Dole retired after thirty-five years in Congress to devote himself full time to running for President. At the age of seventy-three, the former senator from Kansas would be the oldest person elected to a first term as president. As his running mate he picked Jack Kemp, an active Repub-lican and former cabinet member. lican and former capitlet member.
Dole and Kemp promised to give
President Clinton a "run for his
money." They attacked the president's character and ethics while promoting the Republican fifteen percent tax cut. They lost.

5. Boris Yeltsin was re-elected President of Russia and pledged to continue the reforms he began five years ago. However, the sixty-five-year-old president began immediately to show the signs of severe heart problems. It was announced that he had at least two heart attacks in the previous two years. Open-heart surgery was the

6. Hong Kong was a British colony on the brink of great change in 1997. Great Britain's lease on Hong Kong was set to expire on July 1, 1997 and the Chinese were poised to reclaim the island. After one-hundred years of British rule, British administration and jurisdiction over Hong Kong will end and it will become a Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China.

7. Shannon Lucid is a new record holder. The fifty-three-year-old shuttle astronaut veteran set the women's record for consecutive days in orbit - 188 — beating Russian cosmonaut Elena Kondakova. She also amassed 223 days in orbit since 1995, making her America's most experienced as

- Tracy Chapman was back on the charts with her latest album. "New Beginning" As one critic wrote: "One thing Tracy Chapman has inevitably gained over the years is polish. This new album is simply and impeccably orchestrated, tightly and urbanely played. The songs are adorned with soft jazz accompaniments."
- 2. Monica may be young, but she knows about attitude. She says she is confident, intelligent, self-possessed and self-assured. "Miss "Famps" is her debut hit with Roudy Records. The critics say "it's a potent, persuave personness and self-assured to the possessed of the possessed of the personness of the possessed of the possessed of the personness of the personness
- 3. "The Woman In Me" was Shania Twain's biggest album of the year. It was the second album released by the Canadian singer, but it was by far her biggest hit. It went platinum and stayed on the Billboard Top 200 for over a year. She won the new country artist of the year award at the American Music Awards. As one critic said: "Shania has changed the face of country music for women."
- 4. Hootie & the Blowfish were once described as a well-meaning four piece band from South Carolina who made a pleasant but otherwise unremarkable album that should have sold maybe a million copies, but instead sold more than 13 million. So it goes To their next act, Hootie and the boys produced "Fairwather Johnson."
- 5. Mariah Carey was only a teenager when a Columbia record executive heard her demo tape and signed her up. Her first album soared to the No. 2 spot and the rest is history. It's been solid gold ever since. When Mariah performs, her volce takes command Order to the battalo of the background singers. For the battalo of the background singers.
- 6. The Macarena bit all the charts from Latin to Pop—and enlivenced dance floors all over the world. The song was first released three years ago and it became a big hit in Spain. Someone then had the bright idea to market the song internationally. Numerous Macarena versions have added variations to the basic moves of the dance, which require a 380-degree turn to be completed in four itumps to the right.
- 7. George Strait began recording hit songs twenty-five years ago. He's still at it. Every one of his more than twenty albums for MCA records went at least gold and his total sales are now about 30 million albums. His latest hit, "Bluc Clear Sky," is well on its way to gold sales. As one critic said: "Bluc Clear Sky try music with a collection of performances that continue to make George Strait the definition of country music."
- 8. Three years ago Jewel was a fledgling singer-songwriter living on carrots and peanut butter sandwiches. Now, the twenty-two year-old performer from Alaska is a smashing success. Her debut album of bittersweet folk songs, "Pieces of You," just went platinum.























## WINNERS

William Jefferson Clinton is re-elected president of the United States.

The Colorado Avalanche wins the Stanley cup in hockey.

The New York Yankees are now the World Series champions.

Superbowl XXXI is won by the Green Bay Packers.

Julie Burnett and Rusty Ford are the Homecoming queen and king.

Mr. and Miss Sexy Legs are David Parker and Amanda Dunnavant.

The United States Women's Olympic Gymnastic team wins a gold medal in Atlanta.

Evander Holyfield defeats Mike Tyson in one of the largest-grossing fights staged in Las Vegas.

# **PRICES**

Warrior Yearbook \$28.00 Minimum Wage \$4.75 Gallon of Milk \$2.07 GCHS Sporting Event \$2.00 McDonald's Cheeseburger \$0.79 School Pictures \$7.00 Plate Lunch \$1.50 Senior Parking Lot Sticker \$25.00 First Class Stamp \$.32

Gasoline (per gallon) \$1.21

## BIG

Wide Leg Jeans Tickle me Elmo Body Glitter Chain Wallets Stocking Hats The Macarena Old Navy Piercings Windbreaker Pullovers Diversity Velvet Tommy Girl Polo Sport CK Be Windbreaker Pants John Travolta No Doubt Concerts Nike Apparel **Smashing Pumpkins** Bright Colors High-School Renovation O.J. Trial Olympics Overalls In-line Skating Metallics Animal Prints Variety of Nail Colors Gadzooks Magic 108 The Point Jangly Ankle Bracelets Fugees Tupac Shakur Concert T's Pleasures Perfume Saturday Night Live Skinny Pants Male Hair Coloring Seinfeld Third Rock From the Sun Turtlenecks Glow-in-the dark Stars

Book Fee \$40.00

## MOVIES

The Frighteners I Shot Andy Warhol Emma Mars Attacks Kingpin Eraser The Arrival Twister One Fine Day Michael Kazaam Harriet, the Spy Matilda Hamlet. **Evening Star** The Crow: City of Angels The Ghosts of Mississippi She's the One Larger Than Life Dear God Thinner To Gillian On Her 37th Birthday House Arrest Jude Striptease The Associate Bogus Rich Man's Wife Two Days In the Valley Feeling Minnesota The People v. Larry Flynt My Fellow Americans The Mighty Ducks Three Fled Bulletproof The Relic Dante's Peak Mother The Star Wars Trilogy: Special Edition Jackie Chan's First Strike Shine Volcano Metro Beverly Hills Ninja Space Jam

Ransom

Sleepers

Absolute Power Romeo and Juliet

The Mirror has Two Faces

The First Wives Club High School High The Ghost and the Darkness Michael Collins 101 Dalmations Davlight Star Trek: First Contact Jingle All the Way The English Patient That Thing You Do Jack First Kid Maximum Risk The Chamber Last Man Standing Phenomenon Independence Day The Nutty Professor The Hunchback of Notre Dame The Spitfire Grill Tin Cup The Long Kiss Goodnight Fools Rush In A Time To Kill Looking For Richard Vegas Vacation The Island of Dr. Moreau Mission: Impossible The Saint Selena Courage Under Fire Eddie The Preacher's Wife Jerry Maguire Evita Scream Beavis and Butthead Do America The Fan Chain Reaction Turbulence Love and War Everybody Says "I Love You" Joe's Apartment The Crucible Portrait of a Lady Speed 2: Cruise Control

Marvin's Room

A Family Thing Meet Wally Sparks

Liar, Liar

D E A

Cardinal Joseph Bernardin, the senior Roman Catholic prelate in the United States, died of cancer in November. Over 1300 took part in a final tribute before Bernardin was laid to rest. Approximately 90,000 people filed past the casket at Holy Name Cathedral to say their final good-bye.

Morey Amsterdam, long-time actor on the 1970's television comedy, "The Dick Van Dyke Show,"

Tiny Tim, whose birth name was Herbert Khaury, died November 30, 1996. He was famous for performing his signature song, "Tiptoe Thru' the Tulips." Tiny Tim was born on April 12, 1932. He died of cardiac arrest after having heart problems for several years.

Country singer Faron Young, who died December 10, 1996 after shooting himself In the head, was an artist who for decades cast a long shadow over Nashville's music industry. A suicide note indicated he was despondent over his falling health.

Mary Leakey, archaeologist who studied prehistoric man, died in December 1996.

George Burns, a well known actor who was best known for his smoldering stogies and endless punch lines. For 35 years he co-starred with his wife Gracle Allen on their hit radio T.V. show. He died at the age of 100.

Minnie Pearl, a famous actress who strutted her stuff on the stage of the Grand Ole Opry died in March at the age of 83. She was famous for greeting HOW-DEEEE on the show "Hee Haw".

Tupac Shakur, the famous gangsta thug rapper died at the age of 25 In a Las Vegas drive-by. He had three solo albums in which the third reached No. 1. Before serving a prison sentence for sexual abuse, he had been shot five times. He later commented about the pre-prison shooting, "I wish they didn't miss."

Erma Bombeck, humorist and columnist, died at the age of 69. "If done properly, housework kills," she said. With this kind of profound humor, she stormed the white picket fences of suburbia in her twice-weekly column, her regular TV spots, and her best-selling books.

Audrey Meadows. 71, best known for being Jackie Glesson's wife, Alice Kramden, in the television series, "The Honeymooners,"

Dana Hill, actress best known for the sound of her voice on the television series, "Duckman," She died at the age of 32

Greg Morris. 61, know for being in the television series "Mission Impossible." Morris was the talented electronics expert who knew everything and was able to repair and build whatever was necessary in every episode.

Ted Bessell, 61, actor director. He played the guy opposite Marlo Thomas In the series, "That Girl."

Vince Edwards played the talented doctor "Ben Casey" on television. This show was the ER of its time. He died at 67

Spiro Agnew. former vice president, died in September. He was 77. As governor of Maryland, he'd taken tens of thousands of dollars in graft. In October 1973, 10 months before the Watergate scandal toppled his boss, Agnew became the first vice president to resign in disgrace. He was fined \$10,000 and sentenced to three years probation.

Juliet Prowse, dancer and actress on stage and screen, died at age 59,

Greer Garson, actress, died at age 92. She was graceful and beautiful.

Neil Reagan, older brother of former President Ronald Reagan and retired advertising executive, died at age 88.

Mark Frankel died September 24 in a tragic motorcycle accident. He was one of the stars in the T.V. shows "Sisters," "Fortune Hunter," and "Kindred: The Embraced."

Eleazar Carvalho was a former conductor of the St. Louis Symphony. He died at the age of 84.

David Packard, co-founder of the Hewlett-Packard Co. died at the age of 83.

 $Rush\ H.\ Limbaugh\ Sr.,\ Cape\ Girardeau\ attorney\ and\ grandfather\ of\ the\ controversial\ talk\ show\ host\ Rush\ Limbaugh\ Sr.,\ Cape\ Girardeau\ attorney\ and\ grandfather\ of\ the\ controversial\ talk\ show\ host\ Rush\ Limbaugh\ Sr.,\ Cape\ Girardeau\ attorney\ and\ grandfather\ of\ the\ controversial\ talk\ show\ host\ Rush\ Limbaugh\ Sr.,\ Cape\ Girardeau\ attorney\ and\ grandfather\ of\ the\ controversial\ talk\ show\ host\ Rush\ Limbaugh\ Sr.,\ Cape\ Girardeau\ attorney\ and\ grandfather\ of\ the\ controversial\ talk\ show\ host\ Rush\ Limbaugh\ Sr.,\ Cape\ Girardeau\ attorney\ and\ grandfather\ of\ the\ controversial\ talk\ show\ host\ Rush\ Limbaugh\ Sr.,\ Cape\ Girardeau\ attorney\ and\ grandfather\ of\ the\ controversial\ talk\ show\ host\ Rush\ Limbaugh\ Sr.,\ Cape\ Girardeau\ attorney\ attorney$ 

Jessie White, famous character actor best known for his 22-year commercial stint as the Maytag Repairman. He died at the age of 79 due to complications of surgery.

Rene Lacoste, French tennis champion of the 1920's, died at the age of 92.

Curt Smith, owner and founder of the Curt Smith Sporting Goods Store.

Bill Monroe, father of country bluegrass music. He Influenced such singers as Elvis Presley and Bob Dylan. He died in September at the age of 74.

Fred Lip, inventor of the first electric watch

Ron Brown, Secretary of Commerce in the presidential cabinet. A brilliant strategist and an elite Washington lawyer, he used his race to bridge the prejudice in America. He died at the age of 54 in a plane crash over Croatia.

Claudette Colbert, actress and star of the famous movie "It Happened One Night," died at the age of 92.

Richard Dawson, the host of the famous T.V. game show "Family Feud" committed suicide.

 $Christopher\ Robin\ Milm$ , namesake of the famous Winnie-the-Pooh character. The cartoon episodes were based on the boy's childhood fantasies.

Melvin Allen, the broadcaster for the New York Yankees died at the age of 82.

Ella Fitzgerald, singer. In her career she won 13 Grammys and was "Down Beat" magazine's top female singer of the year 21 times. Her fabulous voice, which came naturally to her, made Ella a popular figure for everyone to love.

Paul Erdos died in September at the age of 83. He was perhaps the greatest mathematician of the 20th century. His lust for numbers was one that no one could ever understand, while his work was just as mystical.

Timothy Leary, nicknamed the Ultimate Pied Pieper, died at the age of 75. The one time Harvard Professor who was fired for sharing LSD with undergrads led a very wild life. His variety of antics included an escape from prison, and an acquisition of a site on the world wide web.

 $Margaux\ Hemingway,\ 41,\ actress\ and\ grand-daughter\ of\ Ernest\ Hemingway,\ killed\ herself.$ 

Dorothy Lamour, actress, died at the age of 81. On screen, as in life, Ms. Lamour was a lady of quality, beauty, and class. What made her one of Hollywood's top stars in the late 1930's and 40's was her memorable seven "Road" flickes she did with Bob Hope and Bing Crosby.

Roger Tory Peterson, famous ornithologist-artist-author. His pocket-sized guidebook simplified bird watching for many people. He died in his sleep at the age of 87.

Nelson "Nellie" Hagnauer, Madison County Chairman of the Board, was an influential figure in today's modern politics.

Lash LaRue, western film actor famous for being the only good guy to wear black, died at the age of 71.

Virginia Christine, best known as Mrs. Olsen in the Folgers Coffee commercials, died at the age of 76.

John Chancellor, anchorman for NBC, died at the age of 68.

Butterfly McQueen, actress that played the maid in the famous movie "Gone With The Wind," died at the age of 84.

Pete Rozelle, NFL Commissioner for 30 years, died at the age of 70.

Howard Rollins, actor from the television series, "In the Heat of the Night," died at the age of 46. He died December 8, 1996 of a bacterial infection due to complications from lymphoma. Rollins was dismissed from the series in 1993 because of drug abuse.

Dr. Haing S. Ngor, actor hest known for his performance in the movie "The Killing Fields."

Carl Stokes, first African-American mayor in the U.S. was 68 when he died.

Admiral Jeremy Boorda, the top U.S. Navy officer, was the first man to enlist in the Navy and graduate up to the ranks of Chief of Naval Operations. He died at the age of 53.

John McSherry, a well-respected umplre in baseball, died at 51.

Johnny "Guitar" Watson, who stands alongside Bo Diddly and Chuck Berry as one of the founders of rock and roll, was 61 when he died.

P.L. Travers, author of the story "Mary Poppins," died at age 96.

Albert R. "Cubby" Broccoli, director of five "James Bond" movies, died at the age of 87.

McLean Stevenson, actor who played the role of Lt. Col. Henry Blake on the television show M-A-S-H, died at the age of 66.

Jessica Mitford, journalist best known for her work on the story "The American Way of Death," died at the age of 78.

Don Simpson, film producer known for the movie "Beverly Hills Cop," died at the age of 52.

Jerry Siegal, co-creator of superman, died at the age of 81.

Francois Mitterrand, president of France, died at the age of 79.

Patsy Montana, western singer known for her song "I Wanna Be a Cowboy's Sweetheart," died at the age of 87.

Tommy Rettig, the little boy who always stood beside his pal Lassie in the television show of the same name, died at the age of 54.

Jimmy "The Greek" Snyder, a famous oddsmaker that was either loved or hated by everyone, died at the age of 76.

William Colby, CIA director that rebuffed President Nixon's attempt to use the CIA for domestic purposes, died at the age of 76.

Sterling Morrison, famous musician from the band "Velvet Underground," died at the age of 53.

Rudolf Wanderone Jr., nicknamed "Minnesota Fats," the famous pool shark, died this year Barbara Jordan, congresswoman activist, died at the age of 59.

Herb Edelman, actor on the television show "Golden Girls," died at the age of 62.

John Beradino, actor on the television soap opera "General Hospital," died at the age of 79.

Mary Thompson, who was until her death the oldest living American, died at the age of 120.

Jessica Durboff died at the age of seven while trying to become the youngest pilot ever to fly solo across the country

Marcello Mastroianni, dubbed "The Latin Lover," a very famous Italian movie star, died this year. He made more than 120 films.

Curt Flood, former Cardinal basebull great. During his years with the Cardinals, the acclaimed centerfielder won 7 gold gloves and played 226 games straight without making a single error. After the Cardinals traded him, he sued the Reserve Clause and was a pioneer for free agency. He died of throat cancer at the age of 59.

Ennis Cosby, son of the actor comedian Bill Cosby, was brutally shot while changing a flat tire along the highway in Los Angeles. He was 27.

Tom Parker, former manager of Elvis Presley, died at the age of 87 from a stroke.

Paul Tsongas, former U.S. Senator who ran for the Republican nomination for President in 1992, died in the beginning of 1997.

Deng Xisoping, one-time paramount leader of China, died in February 1997.

Notorious B.I.G., Christopher Wallace, rapper with Bad Boy Records, was shot to death in Los Angeles on March 9.

Adriana Case-Lotti, 80, voice of Walt Disney character Snow White, died January 19 after a bout with cancer.

# JUST ANOTHER DAY



Tarra Falter and Steve Mathes rehearse for the Homecoming play.

# HOMECOMING MAY CAROUSEL 1996



Danielle Roland, Angela Carney, and Angela Stark.



May Carousel participants select their carnations



Brian Johnson rides on the Ice Hockey Club float.



Homecoming attendees wait in line to be photographed.



Students cheer for the team during the Homecoming football game.



May Carousel court members wait to be announced.

## MAY



# MAY CAROUSEL COURT QUEEN AMANDA SCHERMER

**SEATED** 

MEREDITH CHOMKO QUEEN AMANDA SCHERMER TARA WIEBUSCH STANDING

MARCIE HOLSINGER TRACEY PETRILLO JILL WOZNIAK DENISE MCMILLAN JENNIFER WILLIS SUMMER KOSUGE JESSICA NICHOLS

18 MAY CAROUSEL

## CAROUSEL



# MAY CAROUSEL COURT

## FLOWER CHILDREN

SEAN HALBROOK KAYLFIGH MCLAREN

### **SEATED**

MICHAEL HALBROOK
JAY SIMPSON
QUEEN AMANDA
SCHERMER
LOUIS PRAZMA
JOHN JANEK

#### STANDING

BRIAN LLOYD JUSTIN BERNAIX MATTHEW KELAHAN BRIAN BLANKENSHIP BRADLEY ERVAY MARK HEWLETT

**MAY CAROUSEL 19** 













# REMEMBER ME THIS WAY

On May 10, 1996, Granite City Senior High School held it's traditional May Carousel Ceremony. The theme of the evening was "Remember Me This Way." Many friends and relatives were present to share the night with the senior girls.

May Carousel is a special tradition that is dedicated to the senior girls of GCHS. Each senior girl is invited to participate in the event. Each girl in May Carousel processes in and is individually

announced.

The May Carousel court was chosen by the faculty. From the ten girls chosen for the court, the student body voted for the May Carousel Queen. This year the retiring 1995 Homecoming Queen, Andrea Malone, crowned the new May Carousel Queen, Amanda Schermer. Amanda was escorted by Jay Simpson.

The attendants to the Queen were Meredith Chomko, Marcie Holsinger, Summer Kosuge, Denise McMillan, Jessica Nicols, Tracey Petrillo, Tara Wiebush, Jennifer Willis, and Jill Wozniak, The royal escorts to the attendants were Justin Bernaix, Brian Blankenship, Brad Ervay, Michael Halbrook, Mark Hewlett, John Janek, Matthew Kelahan, Brian Lloyd, Lewis Prasma, and Jay Simpson.

The royal escorts and other gentlemen involved in May Carousel were also voted on by the faculty of GCHS.

After the procession of the senior girls, the flag, rifle, and pom-pon squads, along with the cheerleaders, performed routines. The freshmen, sophomore, and junior members of the squads dedicated their performances to the girls present at May Carousel.

Following the routines came the traditional senior dance and May Pole. After the May Pole dance the girls were serenaded by Kip Campbell and his rendition of "Remember Me This Way." After this,

the girls chorus group sang "I'll See You Again" accompanied by Mary Bright.

After all the festivities, families and friends mingled with the seniors for photographs in a teary farewell to their life as seniors. May Carousel is the formal farewell to the senior girls of Granite City High School, but it also represents the beginning of their life outside of GCHS.



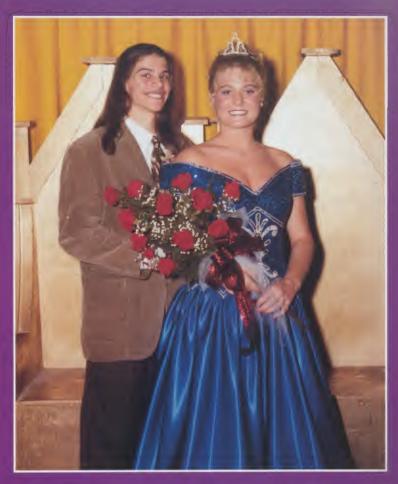






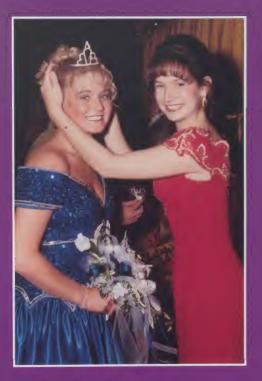


1. The rifles perform for the court. 2. Senior girls prepare for the ceremony to begin. 3. The cheerleaders bring spirit to everyone in the gymnasium. 4. Danielle Lehne, Tiffany May, Jennafer Neidhardt, Sarah Halvachs. 5. James Rooney with his niece Kayleigh McLaren. 6. Erin Signall and Leann Byrd. 7. May Carousel participants dance around the Maypole. 8. Homecoming Queen Amanda Schermer. 9. Kip Campbell sings "Remember Me This Way." 10. Seniors perform the traditional song, "Till See You Again."



RUSTY FORD & JULIE BURNETT

22 KING & QUEEN



The 1996 May Carousel Queen Amanda Schermer Crowns Julie Burnett As The Next Homecoming Queen.







# A FESTIVE OCCASION

This year, twenty-two seniors were chosen for the 1997 Homecoming Court. The female Court members included Julie Burnett, Amanda Crabtree, Christy Gilmore, Natasha Gregg, Jamie Hendrickson, Kelley Johnson, Andrea Jones, Sangeeta Kumar, Karen McClelland, Elizabeth McKechan and Amanda Solomon. The Court also included eleven young men: Kyle Briggs, Rusty Ford, Walter Greathouse, Mikal Guffey, Andrew Harris, Christopher Jones, Patrick Mullen, Brad Neidhardt, David Parker and Paul Williams.

On the opening night of the Homecoming Play, the members anxiously awaited the crowning of the king and queen. Once the play ended, it was only a matter of moments before the Court members took the stage. After the Court procession, Mr. Ron Pennell made the announcement everyone had been waiting for: "The 1997 Homecoming King is ... Rusty Ford! ... And the 1997 Homecoming Queen is ... Julie Burnett!" When a few of the members of the 1997 Homecoming Court were asked for their thoughts on Coronation they replied:

"I had a great time being on Homecoming Court. It made that week of my Senior year unforgettable."— Christy Gilmore

"Being chosen for the Homecoming Court was one of the most unexpected events of my life. It wasn't something I particularly hoped for, but it was still pretty cool to be recognized by my classmates."—Patrick Mullen

"I had a lot of fun being on the court this year. Coronation was pretty nerve racking, but it was still a blast."—Kelley Johnson

"It proved that even a trouble-maker like me can get on court."-Rusty Ford

"I was very happy when I found out that I was chosen for Homecoming Court. It was a great honor to be chosen by classmates. I'll remember it forever."—Sangeeta Kumar

"It was pretty exciting to get elected to court. It was fun being around everyone and going out to eat."—David Parker

"Homecoming was something I'd looked forward to since my freshman year. I never thought I'd be one of the court members. It made Homecoming all the more exciting for me and my family."—Andrea Jones

"Homecoming this year was the greatest! Each year I've increasingly had more fun, and being on court made it even more memorable. It's always been the "big seniors" at cronation and the convertibles at the parade. To finally see friends my age in those positions is an experience within itself."—Amanda Crabtree.











1. Mikal Guffey discusses the evening's activities with Karen McClelland. 2. Kelley Johnson pins a boutonniere on David Parker. 3. ROW 1: Jamie Hendrickson, Andrea Jones, Julie Burnett, Kelley Johnson. ROW 2: Sangeeta Kumar, Amanda Solomon, Elizabeth McKechan, Natasha Gregg, Amanda Crabtree, Christy Gilmore, Karen McClelland. 4. ROW 1: Andrew Harris, Mikal Guffey, David Parker, Rusty Ford. ROW 2: Walter Greathouse, Patrick Mullen, Christopher Jones, Ryan Relleke, Kyle Briggs, Brad Neidhardt, Paul Williams, 5. Christy Gilmore, Karen McClelland, Julie Burnett, Jamie Hendrickson. 6. Paul Williams, David Parker, Christopher Jones, Rusty Ford. 7. Brad Neidhardt and Amanda Solomon take time out for a picture. 3. Members of Homecoming Court scramble to make last minute preparations.

## HOMECOMING COURT 1996



Queen Julie Burnett King Rusty Ford



Kelley Johnson David Parker



Natasha Gregg Ryan Relleke



Christy Gilmore Walter Greathouse



Sangeeta Kumar Kyle Briggs



Amanda Crabtree Andrew Harris



Jamie Hendrickson Patrick Mullen



Andrea Jones Paul Williams



Amanda Solomon Brad Neidhardt



Elizabeth McKechan Christopher Jones



Karen McClelland Mikal Guffey





The Homecoming parade scheduled for Tuesday, October 22, had to be canceled due to unfavorable weather conditions. It was rescheduled for Friday. Since this was the last school day of the Homecoming week, the parade was held during school time. Students were dismissed at 2:35 and asked to go to the front of the school to view the parade. Participants were dismissed at 1 p.m. to work on their floats.

Everyone was excited for the start of the parade. The theme this year was "Trample the Tigers." Floats and students in the parade travelled from the back lot to Fehling Road and then to Nameoki Road. They continued to Madison Avenue and turned on 30th street.

Judges were waiting on the parade route to vote for their favorite floats. This year's first-place winner was VICA and the second-place award went to the Science Club.

















1. Principal R. William Rotter and Superintendent Steve Balen. 2. Color Guard members perform during the parade. 3. Kate Jacobs, Jennifer Merz and Tammy Westbrook. 4. Homecoming Curt members Sangeeta Kumar. 5. The beginning of the parade. 6. Homecoming Queen Julie Burnett and King Rusty Ford. 7. The first place VICA float. 8. Court members Amanda Crabtree and Andrew Harris. 9. Ice Hockey cheerleaders. 10. The varsity football team and cheerleaders wave to the crowd.









SEMI-FORMAL DANCE: 1. ROW 1: Patrick Mullen, Matthew Owca, Jeffrey Hoenig. ROW 2: Cynthia Gorka, Kimberly Greer, Kathryn Cooper. ROW 3: Melanie Gensert, Jenna Wright, Kristin Sollberger, Amelia Tapp, Sarah Signall, Jessica Harris. 2: The Granite City High School student body enjoys their semi-formal dance by mingling and dancing with friends. 3. Mitchell Goldenberg and Linda Dohnal. 4: Christine and Dimana Spudich. 5. Steven Mennemeyer and Andrea Poiter. 6. Michael Angle and Stephanie Ambuehl. 7: Kris Mangiaracino and Rachel Kulasza. 8. Joseph Herman and Shelene Scarborough. 9. Stephen Snyder and Christie Belles. 10. Amy Gregory and Nathan Lobdell. 11. Melissa Smith and James Smith. 12. Jacquelin Stille and James Conrad. 13. Robert Turck and Jessica Huniak. 14. Jessica Dayton and Dustin Murphy. 15. Brooke Streicher. 16. Salina Morlen and David Nickell.

























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# TIME OUT FOR GINGER

The 1996 Homecoming play was TIME OUT FOR GINGER, a delightful comedy in three acts. The play, directed by Mr. Ronald Pennell, amused audiences while teaching a valuable social lesson.

On the evenings of Wednesday, October 23 and Thursday, October 24, the cast of the comedy entertained near sell-out crowds prior to the traditional entrance of the Homecoming court.

The play was about a young high-school aged girl, Ginger Carol, played by Tarra Falter, who wanted to join the school football team. This desire was prompted by a speech given by her father,

Howard Carol, played by Steve Mathes, on individual rights.

The rest of her family, including her mother Agnes, played by Kelly Pithers, and her sisters Joan and Jeanie, played by Kate Jacobs and Natasha Mangiaracino, were initially very much against the

thought of a girl, especially Ginger, playing football.

Ginger's boyfriend Tommy Green, played by Colin Anderson; Eddie Davis, played by Patrick Mullen, who was the captain of the team; Bob Wilson, the principal of the high school, played by Danny Dixon; and Ed Hoffman, who was portrayed by Robert Crane, all opposed to Ginger playing football. The Carols' maid, Liz, played by Sarah Fielding, was the only person who supported Ginger throughout the entire play.

Eventually, Ginger's family realized that males and females are equal and Ginger should be given

an opportunity to fulfill her dream.

The Individual Events and stagecraft students, under the watchful eye of Mrs. Beverley Scroggins, did a great job with the set. They worked endless hours preparing, constructing, painting, and assembling the necessary materials to make this play a huge success. The crew and Mrs. Scroggins transformed the GCHS stage into the appropriate play setting to give the actors a wonderful area in which to perform.

"The cast did an outstanding job, and the play was well received by the audiences. They were two

great performances," said Mr. Pennell.















1. Cast members: ROW 1: Patrick Mullen, Kelly Pithers, Tarra Falter, Steve Mathes, Colin Anderson. ROW 2: Robert Crane, Kate Jacobs, Natasha Mangiaracino, Sarah Fielding, Danny Dixon. 2. Supervisor Ronald Pennell discusses the play with the cast members. 3. Kate Jacobs and Kelly Pithers have a conversation. 4. Colin Anderson, Tarra Falter, and Patrick Mullen rehearse for the play. 5. Danny Dixon, Steve Mathes, and Robert Crane get into a disagreement. 6. Steve Mathes and Tarra Falter watch Patrick Mullen and Colin Anderson. 7. Sarah Fielding congratulates Steve Mathes. 8. Natasha Mangiaracino, Kelly Pithers, Kate Jacobs, and Steve Mathes read a magazine article.





### THE WEEK IN REVIEW

This year Monday was Come As You Are Day. People came dressed in their pajamas or comfortable clothing. Some wore sweats, flannel pajamas, nightgowns, robes, and fuzzy slippers. Everyone added their own special touch by putting rollers, or pig tails in their hair. Still

others brought their stuffed animals Monday was also Opposite Sex Day. Some of the items of clothing which guys wore were jumpers, skirts, and dresses. They also wore wigs, put bows in their hair, and put on makeup to complete the outfit. Some girls wore suits and baseball caps to look like the guys.

Tuesday was Concert T-shirt / College Sweatshirt Day. Many students participated on this day since just about everyone has a college sweatshirt or concert T-shirt. Some of the concerts represented were from Urge, 311, Green Day, R.E.M. Not all of the shirts worn sported new, alternative bands, Vince Gill, Garth Brooks, and Allan Jackson were among the country-western concert shirts, and the Beatles made

Many students also decided to wear both college T-shirts and sweatshirts. Some of these were the schools which students planned to attend, while others were colleges whose sports team they like.

Wednesday, October 23, we took a step back in time. Students dug through parents' attic and went to second-hand stores looking for the 60's-70's-80's attire

Walking through the hallways at GCHS reminded you of a rerun of The Brady Bunch. Students were seen in polyester suits, bell bottoms, fitted sweaters, long straight hair, and platform shoes.

Also, Wednesday was Army Attire Day where GCHS students wore Army camouflage gear. They also wore black boots, dog tags, face

This Homecoming Week activity was one of the most participated in by GCHS students. Students and faculty were proud of the school spirit shown this day.

Thursday, October 24, was Disney and Nerd Day. Students showed their spirit by dressing in their favorite Disney character sweatshirt or teeshirt. Some went all out and dressed up like their favorite character. Seen walking down the hall were Goofy, Taz, Mickey, Minnie, and Donald Duck

Also seen in the halls were Nerds. Taped glasses, short pants pulled up with suspenders, white socks, greased hair and pocket protectors. Short ties and loafers were a part of the attire of some of the Nerds at GCHS. A real standout were the "Kick Me" signs. This day brought

on some big laughs by all.

Friday, October 25, was chosen for school spirit day. Many students at GCHS went all out to show their pride for our school.

Red and black clothing was seen throughout the halls on both students and faculty members. Students wore red and black clothing such as T-shirts, sweatshirts, as well as football, soccer, and hockey jerseys. Faculty members were their school shirts sporting the school colors. Students displayed their pride in other ways beside their clothing. Many students showed their spirit by wearing the traditional school

girls on campus showed their spirit simply by wearing red and black ribbons in their hair. No matter how students showed their spirit, everyone seemed to have great enthusiasm and pride for their school.







1. Queen Julie Burnett and King Rusty Ford. 2. Joseph Waeltermann, Doug Sutphin, Sergeant Duckett, Stephen Miller, Christopher Hum-phreys. 3. Amanda Dunnavant and David Parker. 4. Harry Painter, Jeremy Hunter and Anthony Evans. 5. Stacey Baker, Amanda Pashea, Nichole Smith, Jane Signall, Lisa Watkins, Erin Tyler.







 Dana Watkins. 2. Eric Wright, Christina Sowell, Aimee Nyers, Amber Russell, Christine Spudich. 3. Delmar Tipton, Matthew Blaylock, David Parker, Jason Solomon and Thomas Kahl. 4. Jessica Dayton, Steve Moss and Tiffany Harris. 5. Rusty Ford, Adam Cruse, Robert Crane, Christopher Jones, Patrick Mullen, Nicholas Steele. 6. Thomas Kahl. 7. Rebecca Mueller, Kara Rupcinski. 8. Brenda Fritzsche, Jacquelin Stille and Kara Rupcinski.











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1. ROW 1: Julie Mills and Sarah Gieson. ROW 2: Steven Graham, Andrew Harris, Jessica Huniak, Brooke Bolandis, Christopher Kayich, and Andrew Elliff. ROW 3: Robyn Slater, and Katie Serrano. 2.. ROW 1: Eva Meyer, Kristin Bernaix, and Julie Scott. ROW 2: Dimana Spudich, Christine Spudich, Melanie Gert, Tiffany Harris, and Connie Meyers. ROW 3: Kelly Pithers, Sarah Signall, Matthew Owca, Cynthia Gorka, and Jeffrey Hoenig. 3. ROW 1: Amanda Crabtree and Melissa Smith. ROW 2: Timothy Goskie, Jessica Harris, Ara Ballew, and Amanda Solomon. 4. Allyson McDowell and Kate Jacobs. 5. Tiffanie Young, Janna Greenspan, and Dimana Spudich. 6. Anthony Evans and Stephanie Brandt. 7. Brian Griffith, Jason Haug, Robert Turck, and Chad Rhodebeck. 8. ROW 1: Rusty Ford and Rachel Kennerly. ROW 2: Michael Angle, Peggy Hammond, Emily Novosel, Christopher Jones, Jamie Schueren, Jacquelin Stille, Leonard Wilson, and Melissa Skinner. 9. Robert Meszaros. 10. Ryan Reagan. Christy Belles, Ms. Romana Benkert, Jacquelin Stille, and Arthur Heck III. 11. David Pritchett.



The homecoming football game has been a tradition. Every year the stands are packed with enthusiastic students, parents, faculty, and fans cheering for the home team. The football game is preceded by a week of spirit-filled school days that add to the feeling of pride in our school and team.

This year our homecoming opponent was the Edwardsville Tigers. After four quarters of play and an exciting halftime show by the band, poms, and color guard, the football Warriors fell to defeat.

Also, taking place at halftime was the recognition of the 1996 Homecoming Court. The members of the court drove around the football field in sporty convertibles. The members of the parade were preceded by Queen Julie Burnett escorted by King Rusty Ford.

The 1996 Homecoming Football game turned out to be a very exciting, enjoyable evening for all who attended. Everyone will look forward to next year.









1. The crowd cheers the Warrior football team to victory.
2. Matthew Owca poses with his saxophone. 3. Fans show their dedication to the team. 4. Students enjoy watching the game with their friends. 5. Spectators wait for the entrance of the Warrior football players.

### THESE ARE THE DAYS



Eric Mooshegian and Daniel Timko

# CLASSES



Jeffrey Hassell, Edward Connolly, Jay Scott Laird



Carrie Overturf and Tracie Jones



April Miner



Angela McDowell, Angela Nance, Angela Nemeth



Charles Stepanek



Rachel Mefford and David Pritchett



Franklin Hollis



Jeffrey Hoenig



Mark Dittman and Elizabeth McKechan



Amanda Crabtree



Marla Hall



Christopher Hatfield, Richard Bell, Alison Cline



Sean Betts



Sarah Signall and Jessica Harris



Chet Fine and Fred Sansoucie



Jason Forguson, Eric Egbert, Dominick Jaycox, and Joseph Justice



Sean Kuberski and Nicholas Thomas



Shannon Yurcisin and Lauren Huckaby



Nicholas Huniak and Matthew Owca



Angela Nance and Matthew James



Kelly Pithers and Melanie Gensert



Tonna Druhe and Brian Griffith



Tiffany Miller



Holly Pascoe



Ryan Relleke, Walter Greathouse, and Andrew Oney



Amanda Nizinski



Ryan Anderson

### TOMORROW IS ANOTHER DAY



Brianna Chrusciel



Amelia Tapp, R. William Rotter, and Sarah Signall



Steve Mathes, Skeleton, and Brad Neidhardt



Mr. David Weller, David Parker, and Eduardo Arguelles.

## **SENIORS**



William Acord



Todd Ahlers



Michael Ahlvers



Kindra Allen



Ryan Anderson



Stephanie Arbogast



Brandi Argent



Amanda Arney



Steven Atteberry



Stephanie Awalt



Lisa Badgett



Donald Baker



Kara Ballew



Carrie Barnhart



Amanda Barr



Jacob Bathon



Jason Batson



Alex Bautsch



Dennis Beasley II



Deanna Beljanski



Richard Bell



Christie Belles



Stephanie Benko



Bobby Bergfield



1. Daniel Free and Daniel Kratzer go 'thumbs up' if they won a million. 2. Shawn Gordon hasn't figured out what he would do with a million dollars.





Melissa Bernaix



Rebecca Besserman



Sean Betts



Amanda Bilderback



Shannon Bishop



Robin Bitzer



Renee Bivens



Jessica Bladdick

#### ONE IN A MILLION

Wouldn't it be nice to win a million dollars? Sounds wonderful but it is not likely. One way to win a million dollars is to enter a sweepstakes. There are many types of sweepstakes -Readers Digest, Publishers Clearing House, Irish Sweepstakes, etc.

It is extremely easy to enter a sweepstakes. Simply fill out your entry form and send it in. You may have to re-enter several times depending on if there are any preliminary drawings before

the big one.

You've mailed in your entry form; today is the day that the winner will be notified. You begin this day like any other. The door bell rings; you answer it. "Ed McMahon and Dick Clark" appear at your door. YOU'VE WON A MILLION DOLLARS! After you come to your senses, reality sets in. What are you going to do now that your a millionaire? How are you going to spend it all?

Buying a new car sounds like a good idea when you have a lot of money. Brian Griffith says, "I'd buy a real car to replace my 'little go-cart' that I have now." Then there is Stephen Snyder

who thinks of others before himself, "I would buy my girlfriend a new car."

Others might prefer to invest in real estate. Adam Cruse stated, "I"d buy a huge house to live in." This type of investment can use up much of your money, but it is a smart choice for the future

The stock market would be another place to invest your money, if it was done wisely. Ryan Anderson says, "I'd buy stock in the Anheuser-Busch Company. On the 'practical or realistic' side, Alex Bautsch replied, "I would buy a bunch of new magic

tricks.' Who knows, some day you may get the chance to have this big decision to make.



Sherry Bode



Brent Bover



Jose Brackins



Stephanie Brandt



Kyle Briggs



Danny Bronnbauer



Amanda Brown



Chad Browning

#### AFTER THE BELL RINGS

Just as the White Rabbit in "Alice In Wonderland" was always late for a very important date, many students find themselves in very similar situations. When the 3.07 bell rings they make their way through the existing exits to their afternoon activities.

Though the academic day ends at 3:07 for most students, some stay for club meetings, extra help in class or tutoring. When asked what he does after school, Robert Turck said, "I stay after school to practice basketball." Some stay for just a few minutes after their chemistry class to find out exactly how an extensive the stay of the stay of

experiment works, or to check with their math teacher about a specific problem. Others, however, stay after school by no choice of their own. Tardiness or other problems in class gave them a chance to spend some extra time in detention. Besides going on a student's record, detentions also cut into post-school activities such as television watching, talking on the phone with one of their friends, or listening to their favorite radio station.

Instead of going home after school, some like to go grab a bite to eat. Either a quick stop at the favorite restaurant or fast-food establishment usually satisfies their after-school craving for a quick snack. Franklin Hollis said, "I always go to Dairy Queen after school and get a Macho Meal."

For others, finishing homework early means an evening free for all types of relaxing activities. Peace of mind knowing that their work is completed makes the students enjoy the after-school hours. Certain GCHS students leave school en route to their part-time job. Richard Bell replied about his

Certain GCHS students leave school en route to their part-time job. Richard Bell replied about his part-time job. "I go to work at Lakeview Driving Range right after school." While part-time work helps out financially, it takes its toll on an already crowded calender. Students have to manage their time and try to cope with many events occurring at the same time. Most students participate in after school activities. For many, it leaves them with little extra time. It's

Most students participate in after school activities. For many, it leaves them with little extra time. It's said that time can move mountains. The lack of it forces students to rush and squeeze as much as they can into their precious hours outside of school.



Shawn Broyles



Julie Burnett



Jennifer Burris



Autumn Byrd



Dana Callender



Angela Campbell



Nicholas Campbell



Jennifer Cann





 ROW 1: Amanda Solomon. ROW 2: Rachel Kulasza, Sarah Signall, Rachel Mefford. ROW 3: Patrick Mullen, Jaime Dellbringge, Christie Belles. 2. Brad Neidhardt works at Super One Stop for an after-three activity.



Cynthia Carll



Krystal Carpa



Christopher Carpenter



Heather Carpenter



Juanita Castillo



Sabrena Cavins



Thomas Cell



Brianna Chrusciel



 Mr. David Trower looks over Crystal Pope's drafting homework.
 Mr. Paul Kimbrell shows David Miskelley his welding grade.





Brandy Clemons



Alison Cline



Amanda Colwell



Kimberly Conaway



Matthew Cooper



Amanda Crabtree



Robert Crane



Timothy Crider

#### INDUSTRIAL LIVING

Branch out and enlarge the scope of one's interest. Sometimes enlarging that scope doesn't come as easily as expected. But after discovering the world of industrial education, the task becomes a little easier.

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Opportunities that were never thought possible in some of the accelerated classes are now at the students' fingertips. They can form their own little branch that suits them per-

Students enrolled in the industrial program Students enrolled if the industrial program at Granite City High School gain enough information about their field so that when they apply for a job the employer will be more likely to hire them. This is because the emlikely to hire them. This is because the em-ployer will not need to take time to train them. This gives the students advantages. Skilled workers are becoming very scarce. After being enrolled in the vocational pro-

gram, students at GCHS can leave high school expecting a variety of opportunities once they enter the working world. Besides high wages many benefits can also be included. Workers can receive health insurance, paid vacations and retirement plans. When students that are currently enrolled in these classes were asked to comment about them, this was their

reply:
"Every industrial trade involves welding. It's a good all around trade to know. Welding isn't necessarily what I am going to do for a living, but any trade that I pick will involve it."—Ralph Thomas

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"Welding is a fun way to learn a trade, that
will help us in life." — Chet Fine
"I took vocational auto because I like to
work on cars, and want to be the best. I like
the fact that we get hands on training, and get than once because I think auto is the best of the vocational programs." — Eric Reeves "I like automotive class because it teaches

me things I don't know about cars, and I can work on mine during some designated days."

James Watkins
"Graphic communications has taught us about the production and distribution of the

needs of our school and other schools." — Anthony Broyles "Graphic Arts is a class where we learn and

gain experience by designing and printing forms for others." — Eduardo Arguelles "Electronics is a very important trade to learn because, it is the future of the world.

Many important things will be based on electronics." — Randy Gardner

Between college prep and a vocational

class the most fun I had was in Electronics. Being in a class for two hours helped me to get to know the people in there better. I look forward to going to Electronics everyday."

David Parker
"I am in building trades to learn how to
build and remodel houses. I hope to go to
college, and get an apprenticeship in carpentry."—Ryan Anderson

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Christopher McBride
"In drafting we type in lengths and angles
of lines and circles, then the computer draws
the commands we give it. Drafting is a good
hands on experience with the CAD system.
Take it, it's Inti"— Crystal Pope
"Machinists can make just about arything.
It's fun to work with your hands." — William

Machine shop is a great class, people should take it for great opportunities. If you are interested in learning about a

trade, it is advisable to enroll in one of these



Laura Crites



Adam Cruse



Lisa Cuvar



Tanya Darragh



Christopher Davis



**Kevin Davis** 



Ryan Davis



Daniel Deak



1. Row 1: Amanda Supp, Christopher Ousley, Justina York, Michael Hellrich. Row 2: Anthony Evans, Robert Lampitt. Gregory Meyer. 2. Steven Houk, Elizabeth McKechan, Mark Dittman, Sung Hee Suh, Michelle Montgomery, Sangeeta Kumar.





Jaime Dellbringge



Amanda Derossett



Lisa Dillard



Mark Dittman



Melissa Dix



Jason Donohue



Brett Downs



Phyllis Downs

#### TOP OF THE CLASS

To most students, the words 'top 10% of the class' brings to mind the traditional thought of a bookworm who had dedicated their entire life force to getting 'A' grades. However, some of the top ten students tried their best to prove this stereotype wrong.

Grades are important, but being active in extra-curricular activities is also important in making a well-rounded individual. Many of the seniors found out that a high score on the ACT or being part of the top ten didn't automatically get them into the college of their choice. Most colleges these days are looking for students who have participated in community activities, sports, club activities, as well as maintaining a good grade average.

While many students excelled in either extra activities or academics, many members of the top 10% had the best of both worlds. By learning to budget their time, the students were able to have enough time to study and maintain an active extra-curricular life. Students would sometimes study into long hours of the evening, but they new it was worth it.

Reasons for getting high grades varied. Being part of the top 10% was a goal some set when they entered high school and it was important for them to reach that goal. In reaching it, they credited their success mainly to hard work.

"I have managed to make good grades, become extremely involved in school activities, and still managed to have fun." says Vincent Willaredt. Sangeeta Kumar says, "It is not that difficult. It just takes a little extra effort. I've also made time to be involved in extracurricular activities."

"After four years of hard work and dedication, I have succeeded by being involved in many enjoyable activities as well as being fourth in our senior class." says Melanie Gensert.

So, by hard work and dedication, the students in the top 10% were able to have the best of everything. Whether it was in basketball or chemistry, soccer or geometry, the feeling of what they learned was the important part.



Andrew Dresch



Tonna Druhe



Christina Dugan



Tabitha Dugan



Amanda Dunnavant



Adam Ebrecht



Eric Edwards



Eric Egbert



Gary Elkins



Jeremy Ellis



Matthew Ely



Anthony Evans



Beth Feenstra



Christopher Fiala



Robert Finch



Chet Fine

#### ATHLETIC CHANGES

When the Granite City school system started to renovate the high school, Mr McKechan, the athletic director at GCHs, decided that the athletic complex could use a well-deserved face lift. Most of the complex was starting to show signs of aging. For instance, the bleachers that are on the girls soccer/forball field were built in 1958. The press box that sits behind the stands was built in 1967. The fence that surrounds the entire athletic complex was erected in 1975. It was for those reasons that Mr. McKechan decided that the athletic complex ould use a face lift.

Mr. McKechan first consulted Mr. Brad Eavenson, the Director of Buildings and Grounds, to help organize the

reconstruction of the athletic complex. The next step was to start the surgery

The first item to go under the knife was the press box that stands on the girls soccer/football field. It received a fresh coat of paint in the beautiful school colors of red, black, and white. The signs on the press box that spell out Warriors also received a fresh coat of paint.

The old concession stand that was built by the band boosters was the next item up for a make-over. The building first received a new roof, then it too was painted red, black, and white to match the press box. This building is now

used for storage for the track team.

The scoreboards on both the boys soccer/baseball field and the girls soccer/football field were repainted in red for more school spirit. The goal posts used on the girls soccer/football field were painted a bright yellow similar to the ones in professional sports.

The old rusty fence that encircled the athletic complex was taken down as well. In its place, a new dark green fence was erected. A second brand new dark green fence also encircles the entire girls soccer/football field.

GCHS was the first school in the area to paint murals on the field. This was done for both the football field and

the boys soccer field during the fall. It serves as a moral booster for the teams. It also looks great.

One of the major renovations on the boys soccer/baseball field was the addition of two new sets of bleachers. Before the new bleachers were added, workers had to move the old set of bleachers for the start of the soccer season. It would take ten men approximately two days to move the bleachers to their new position. Mud occupied the spot where the bleachers were placed. This was a hindrance because everyone that would attend the soccer games would end up with a pair of muddy shoes. To eliminate this problem, a concrete slab was poured on the opposite side of the field. The new bleachers were placed on this slab, where they would have a permanent home. Behind the bleachers a new press box was built for the boys soccer/baseball field. This press box also serves as an announcers booth

Behind both the new bleachers and press box the school built a new storage facility. The Granite City Elks donated \$4,400 to build the new facility. This building has dual purposes. The soccer team uses it as a meeting room between

games, and it is used for storage.

There are still many things that may happen to the athletic complex. Mr. McKechan is looking into a portable concession stand for soccer games, two more sets of bleachers for the boys soccer/baseball field, and new bleachers for the entire girls soccer/football stadium. There is also a possibility of an all-weather track being added to the stadium. It would replace the cinder track that is presently being used.

Memorial Gymnasium is also getting a new look on the inside. The gym was painted with more red to emphasize the school colors. The windows are also going to be repainted since the black paint is peeling off. There is a possibility

that two new sets of volleyball nets are going to be added to the gym, as well as new basketball hoops.

Banners purchased by the 1994-1995 Student Council were also added to the gym. The banners show the many different sports in which Granite City has won a state championship. They hang from the rafters in the middle of the gym to give it a college-type look. In the front foyer, Student Council has also purchased a sign to honor all students who are currently playing sports and are on the honor roll. This athletic honor roll requires a grade point average of 4.25 or higher. Also, pictures of former GCHS students that are now playing college sports were added to the trophy case.

The annex, next to the gymnasium, is also being renovated. As of right now, one would think they were entering the dungeon of GCHS. To fix this problem the annex is going to be repainted in the same pattern as the press box at the football field: red, black, and white. Banners will also be hung in the annex to promote school spirit and to

take away from the dungeon appearance.

The athletic complex will be receiving a new weight room. The weight room has dimensions of 75 x 100 feet. Any person that is in training or plays a sport will be allowed to use the room. The room will have a full array of weights

as well as girls and boys locker rooms. This addition will not take place for several years.

Mr. McKechan stated that the tennis courts will be replaced after the reconstruction of GCHS is over. He said that eventually softball could possibly be played on campus instead of at Wilson park. These future possibilities for the athletic complexes at GCHS give current and future students a positive outlook on athletics at the high school.

The athletic face lift that Granite City High School is receiving is something that the students and community have deserved for a long time. Some of it is still a vision for the future, but everyone hopes that it will become a reality.



Christopher Fleenor



Tom Foley



Rusty Ford



David Foreshee



Jason Forguson



Jennifer Fouts



Steven Fowler



Christopher Fraley

#### THE LAST OF FOUR

Now that you are finally a senior, it's fun to reminisce about the 'good old days,' and the 'days gone by 'Do you remember what it was like four years ago' 'Do you remember the first day or first week of whool' 'Was it a 'fighteening experience, or did you take it is strick!'

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You walk to the cafeteria and see two people you recognize. This is your lucky day. Now you can relax and eat a good nourishing meal in the cafeteria and get ready for fourth hour. You

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Daniel Free



Brenda Fritzsche



Nickie Gale



Randy Gardner



Casey Gaudette



Melanie Gensert



Amber Giese



Christy Gilmore





 Erin Tyler and Alex Bautsch will always have a fond memory of walking in the cold from the cafeteria to the main building 2. Lisa Watkins and Anthony Evans remember sitting in the science office.



Jason Gilmore



Michael Glover



Dawn Goforth



Gina Gordon



Shawn Gordon



Cynthia Gorka



Timothy Goskie



Christina Greathouse

#### MY FAVORITE HOLIDAY

When the school year began, the first holiday to come to mind was Labor Day. It was a day off of school. This year, however, school began after the traditional first holiday of the school year. Students had another weekend to spend with their friends, go to Six Flags one final time, or just take a lazy dip in someone's backyard pool.

Now, however, holidays have a larger meaning than just another day off from school to most students. Holidays are days that you can socialize with your friends, enjoy pleasant family gatherings, or maybe just spend a quiet day at home alone. Some teenagers take this time to visit with relatives that they do not see very

often. Many go to the mall or just hang with friends and do activities that they enjoy.

Christmas and Easter are very popular holidays; some students seem to forget about some of the less popular days. Seniors were asked what their favorite holiday is and for what reason. They responded as follows:

"My favorite holiday is Halloween. The reason is I feel a pull to an ancient time, when my ancestors practiced magic, and worshiped their ancient gods, I can almost feel the wind in my hair." — James Myint

"I like New Years. There are always so many places to go and spend time with your friends, like the Disco Ball at the Kiel Center.

Everybody always has fun counting down at midnight."—
Amanda Solomon

"Ground Hog Day is my best holiday, because groundhog's are afraid of their shadows and so am I." — Steven Mathes

"I like Halloween because that is the day that I fit in with everyone else." — Michael Rudy

"Christmas because everyone is always in a good mood, and there is a cheerful glow to everyone's faces." — Casey Gaudette

"The 4th of July is what I like best. It is because of all the fireworks and the carnivals. Also, the weather is warm." — Jaime Smith



Walter Greathouse



Shelly Green



Michael Greenspan



Natasha Gregg



Amy Gregory



Brian Griffith



Mikal Guffey



Sarah Haddix







1. Sangeeta Kumar and Andrew Harris show their support for the country. 2. Jaime Mertz with help from Alex Bautsch decorates a Christmas tree. 3. Vicki Drennan and Donald Baker. Donald enjoys all holidays.



Holly Hafner



Cassandra Hagopian



Marla Hall



**Emily Halvachs** 



Melissa Hammond



Ronald Hanner



Andrew Harris



Jessica Harris

#### JANUARY GRADUATES

On Friday, January 24, at 2 p.m., 42 seniors walked across the auditorium stage and received their certificate of graduation. Their actual diploma will be mailed to them in June. These students also have the opportunity to also participate in the June graduation. The choice is theirs

Board members, high school administrators, and the superintendent of schools were in attendance to help the seniors celebrate this special day. They congratulated them as each of their names was called off. Family members, relatives, and friends were joyous to the occasion

as they took photographs and applauded for their very special senior.

The 42 graduates were Jason Anderson, Rene Brown, Angela Bridgett, Jennifer Burris, Autumn Byrd, Jennifer Cann, Krystal Carpa, Heather Carpenter, Christina Dugan, Brian Fudge, Elizabeth Garrison, Holly Gibson, Kasandra Haggard, Timothy Hall, Ronand Hanner, Christopher Jones, Paul Jones, Melissa McCallister, Angela McDowell, Angela Nance, Angela Nemeth, Joshua O'Gara, Jamie Oliver, Richard Pool, Rebecca Robinson, Angela Sanchez, Eugene Schaefer, Phillip Schoffra, Randi Schur, Shahni Sebastian, Joshua Sedabres, John Selliers, Shannon Shepard, Brandy Simmons, Melissa Swigert, Joshua Tomlin, Jason Warren, James Watkins, Amy Waugh, Mary Wienhoff, James Wilson, and Heather Winters.

After the ceremony, a special social hour was held for all the students and their friends. Many stayed around and talked with other seniors, relatives, and friends. It was a special time to gather for the last time at the high school and be called a senior. Now the time has come to start a new beginning as a high school graduate. Congratulations to the 42 seniors who made it. They

will all be anxiously awaiting the official graduation in June.



Kevin Harris



Christopher Hatfield













1 & 2. Members of the January senior class wait for the ceremony to begin. 3. Shahni Sebastian with her family. 4. Joshua Sedabres and his parents. 5. Melissa Swigert gather with friends and family. 6. Angela Sanchez and Verlin Pulley are joined by both families.



Jason Haug



Michael Hellrich



Jeremy Helton



Jamie Hendrickson



Valerie Henson



Kenneth Herod



Jamie Hicks



Josh Hildebrand



Julie Hildebrand



Jeffrey Hoenig



Bradley Hogan



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Barbara Holland



Franklin Hollis



Olivia Holloway



Steven Houk



Brandon Houser



Curtis Howard



Nicholas Huniak



Erin Hutchings



Marlo Hutchinson



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Shane Ireland



Scott Jackson



CLASS ATHLETE

CARRIE SIMPSON &
KYLE BRIGGS



Kate Jacobs



Matthew James



Dominick Jaycox



Brian Johnson



Bryan Johnson



Bryan Johnson



Kelley Johnson



Melissa Johnson



Andrea Jones



Christopher Jones



Sharon Jones



Thomas Kahl



Samuel Kamphoefner



Rachel Kennerly



Timothy Kirkpatrick



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Brandy Knott



Joel Knowlton



Philip Kostecki



Daniel Kratzer



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CLASS BODY

AMANDA DUNNAVANT & KYLE BRIGGS



Robert Lampitt



Ronald Langsdorf



Shelly Leach



Julia Leibold



Susan Light



Angela Lobdell



Melanie Loehr



Theresa Mangi



Thomas Marsh



Jennifer Martin



Laura Marzluf



Steve Mathes



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Jeremy McKinney



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Hollie Meyer



Marcie Meyer



Philip Meyer



Connie Meyers



Tiffany Miller



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Jacob Monroe



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Melanie Morgan



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Angela Nemeth



Sara Newman



Sarah Niesporek



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Marcella Noud



Lori O'Bear



Joshua O'Gara



Angela Ochoa



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Matthew Owca



Amie Owens



David Parker



Sarah Parker



Verney Parton



Holly Pascoe



Nicole Patrick



Stephanie Paul



Scott Peery



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&
DAVID ZELLERMAN



Kelly Pieper



Tonya Pikey



Kelly Pithers



Andrea Poiter



Richard Pool



Crystal Pope



Kelly Potter



Jamie Prater



David Pritchett



Stacey Proffitt



Janna Pursell



Tina Rainey



Jamie Ralls



Eric Reeves



Ryan Relleke



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Eric Rice



Catherine Richardson



Susan Riddle



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Amanda Roderick



Brian Rodgers



Amanda Rohay



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Maureen Sheikh



Sarah Shelton



Corey Shepard



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Brandy Simmons



Carrie Simpson



CLASS
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KAREN MCCLELLAND
&
ANDREW HARRIS



Roxanne Simpson



Erik Smith



Erika Smith



Jaime Smith



Ray Smith



Stephanie Smith



Tabitha Soechtig



Amanda Solomon



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Gary Stanek



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Angela Tanner



Amelia Tapp



Nicholas Thomas



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David Thompson



Rebecca Tidwell



Daniel Timko



Bill Tindall



Delmar Tipton



Joshua Tomlin



Tara Tomlinson



Patricia Trebing



Kara Trucks



Robert Turck



Erin Tyler



Carla Venne



Dennis Wallace



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Shannon Walsh



Jamie Warren



Jason Warren



Crystal Watkins



James Watkins



Lisa Watkins



Jennifer Weidner



Joshua Weiss



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Lauren Westbrook



April Wheatley



Amanda White



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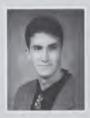
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Jamie Wood



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Danielle York



Justina York



Amanda Young



David Zellerman



Christopher Zimmer



CLASS
SWEETHEARTS
SARAH SHELTON
&
VINCENT HOGUE

MEAGAN STEARNS & KYLE BRIGGS

#### HALL OF FAME

ARTIST	Erin Tyler
MUSICIAN	Marla Hall
ACTRESS	Kate Jacobs & Kelly Pithers
SINGER	
MOOCH	
DANCER	
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MANNERS	
FLIRT	
SPIRIT	
PARTIER	Carrie Simpson
SLEEPER	Holly Spahn
GOSSIP	
LEGS	Amanda Dunnavant
CAR	Amanda Crabtree
TRUCK	Lauren Huckaby
BROWN NOSER	
GULLIBLE	
MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED	
HEART BREAKER	Christy Gilmore



ROW 1: Kate Jacobs, Amanda Dunnavant, Lori O'Bear, Emilee Rollins, Amanda Crabtree, Christie Belles, Lauren Huckaby. ROW 2: Sung Hee Suh, Kelly Pithers, Christy Gilmore, Sarah Haddix, Elizabeth McKechan, Erin Tyler, Holly Spahn, Sangeeta Kumar.

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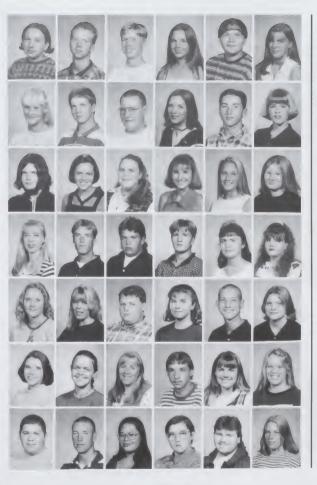
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# SCHOOL DAYS



Joseph Justice & Adame Dunnavant in their favorite room.

# **JUNIORS**



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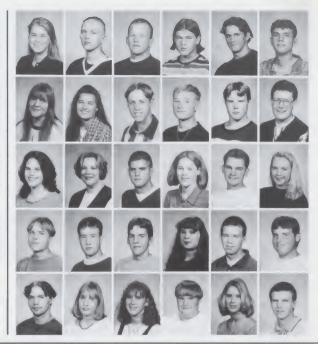
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1. Christopher Sumpter reminisces on what he regrets. 2. John Kelly will soon regret trying to keep Jenny Henson out of the building.





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### A REGRETFUL SITUATION

You're sitting in your math class waiting to find out your score on a big test you took yesterday. Your teacher hands you your paper . . . an F! Just great! You think back to the night before the test and start to regret doing something with your friends instead of staying home and studying. Many students regret doing something, whether it was becoming friends with an annoying

person, not trying out for your favorite high school sport, or not doing your homework. Regrets

are just a part of life that everyone has to deal with.

For instance, when Wesley Reed was asked what his biggest regret is he said, "Eating the school cafeteria food." Rachel Rees says that her biggest regret is "Dying my hair with Kool-Aid." Dane Bauer added that starting his freshman year in high school badly would be his biggist regret, while Juannell Goodwin says that he regrets, "Missing a dunk in a basketball game." Salina Morlen regrets, "Letting Mr. McClain put wet magnesium in my hand." and Matthew Glover's comment was "Throwing a smoke-bomb in the school hall." Traci Manis regrets, "Taking a locker that wasn't mine and then having to find my books after my lock got cut off."

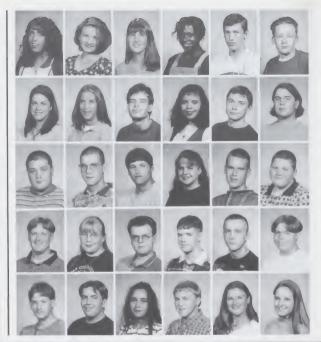
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### READ A GOOD BOOK

What's entertaining as well as educational? No, not PBS. The answer is: a book.

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Teenagers often read books for pleasure when there is nothing else to do or for some intellectual stimulation. Many teens pick up a book as a divergance from the monotony of television. As students progress through high school English classes, they are assigned various books to read. Many of these books are considered "classics," like ROMEO AND JULIET, OEDIPUS REX. PRIDE AND PREJUDICE, FRANKENSTEIN and THE SCARLET LETTER. Other books are pieces of modern literature, such as 1984, BRAVE NEW WORLD. TO KILL A MOCKING BIRD, OF MICC AND MEN. A SEPERATE PEACE, THE GREAT GATSBY, WATERSHIP DOWN, and THE ADVENTURES OF HUCKLEBERRY FINN. Most of these books contain some moral lesson, but some are just plain entertaining. These classes, along with the help of pro-reading T.V. shows, like READING RAINBOW and the THE LETTER PEOPLE, make students want to "read more about it." In the immortal words of Levar Burton, "You don't have to take my word for it." Here are some favorite books of the junior class.

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"MEEDFUL THINGS by Stephen King, It is arranged nicely and always kept me in suspense." — Karen Knox
"I like the book by Jerry Seinfeld, SEINLANGUAGE, because it has been the role that I live by." — Daniel James
"THE GIFT by Danielle Steel is my favorite book, because it seems so true to life." — Kristin Ribbing
"ROMEO AND JULIET, because I would love to have a man love me enough to climb a wall to be with me." — Kathryn Curran

"My favorite book would probably be my collection of short stories by Edgar Allan Poe. I enjoy how he combines horror with reality." - Kristy Ball

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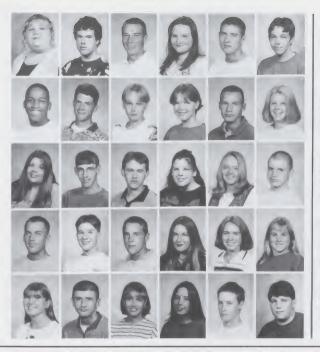




 Dennis Holland purchases a bag of chips while Shaun Rigsby points to where the money should go. 2. Christopher Sumpter and Bryan Forister team up to clean up the mess in the cafeteria. 3. Michael Modrusic practices for his future with plants.







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Jerry Jackson Daniel James Jonas Janek Aimee Jo Johnson Sarah Johnson Mandy Jones

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## IN 20 YEARS, I'LL BE

It is during a person's high school career that they begin to really plan their futures. There are many questions one asks themselves. Where am I going to go to college? What should I become?

Everyone has this idea of what they want to become. Many see themselves as doctors, lawyers, famous athletes, or in various other fields. Some don't know where they want to go or what they want to do with their lives. The junior class was asked where they see themselves in twenty years and these were the replies given:

'I see myself as an attorney in Washington, D.C."- Tarra Falter "I would like to be playing in the

U.S. Open."- Adina Lewis

Playing guitar in a band touring around the world." - Mario Rossi "I will be married with two kids

and teaching at an elementary

school." - Salina Morlen

"I hope to be a successful psycholo-

gist." — Kristie Ross "I see myself settling down and starting a family." - Kathlynn

Schermer "In 20 years, I find myself in a very

good job." - Joshua Done "Married to a successful doctor."

- Rebecca Gehling

"I see myself in a law firm trying murder cases." — Karen Knox

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> Matthew Keller John Kelly Michael Kendall Angela Kingsley Dale Kitson, Jr. Jeffrey Klee

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### SHOP UNTIL YOU DROP

Shopping. To some its a hobby or a pastime, others see it as a sport, but to all it's a necessity. Lets face it, whether you like to shop or not, its something that must be done. Some people enjoy shopping more than others and say they even have a favorite place to do so. The majority of these places are clothing stores but they do not always have to be. Your favorite place to shop could be where you purchase items that serve the purpose of your hobby, or even where that cute guy or girl you have had your eye on works. Whatever the case may be, your favorite place to shop is probably where you spend the majority of your time when you are out shopping.

When the junior class of GCHS was asked "Where is your favorite place to shop?", this is how they responded:

"I like the clothing at the GAP." -Sarah Garcia and Jessica Mefford

"The style of clothing at Eddie Bauer and Structure are my favorite." —Jonas

"My favorite place to shop is The Buckle." — Erica Lohman and Erin Ballew.

"I enjoy the atmosphere of Natural Wonders." — Traci Manis

"American Eagle Outfitters is my favorite clothing store." — Jillian Ponder "I like to shop at Ambercrombie and Fitch at the Galleria." — Robert Harris "I shop around in Emily Markel's closet." — Sara Schwager

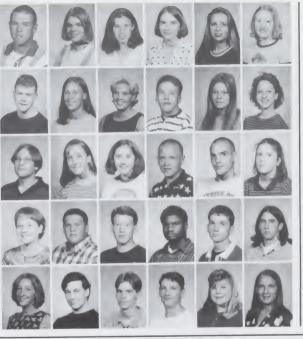
"The Home Shopping Network is where I like to shop because it is easy access." — Emily Markel

"I enjoy shopping at Wise Speed Auto in St. Louis for race car parts." — Brad Clark

"Structure would be my favorite place to shop." — Timothy Simon

"Banana Republic in the Galleria is the best place to shop in my opinion." — Anna Tapp

"I like to shop at Wal-Mart because they have a very good selection of video tapes." — Christopher Markovich



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Corey Malina Traci Manis Emily Markel Christopher Markovich Jaime Martin Mary Martinez

Robert Mathenia Jennifer May Amy McCallister Danny McCallister Joshua McCunney Angela McElroy

Erin McGehee Jody McGuire Kyle McGuire Peter McKinnie Chad McMichael Todd McQueen

Jessica Mefford James Mellor Steven Mennemeyer Daniel Mercer Amanda Merritt Crystal Meyer





1. Stacy Nunes, Sarah Garcia, and Jillian Ponder display shopping bags from their favorite stores. 2. Ray Smith and Jonathan Burnett model clothing from their favorite stores while Carrie Hagnauer, Emily Markel, Erica Lohman, and Traci Manis hold up their bags.

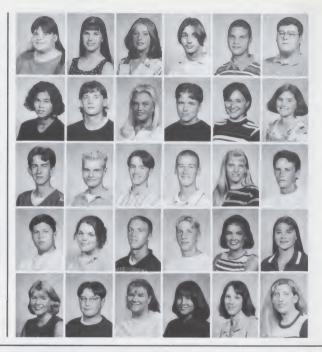
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### ALL THE CARDINAL FAVORITES

Have you ever gone to a baseball game just to watch your favorite player play. You might hate the team that they play for but just adore the player. This player might be a good hitter, fast on the bases, have an awesome glove, or just look good in his uniform.

The St. Louis Cardinals have many players who fit into this favorite player category. The Cardinals have many skilled players who helped them clinch the central division. These players range from Ozzie Smith to the Benes brothers. When GCHS juniors were asked who their favorite Cardinal player was and why, this is how they responded.

"Andy Benes is my favorite player because he is cute." — Kara Coleman "Ozzie Smith is my all time favorite

player." — Amy Thomas
"My favorite player is Brian Jordan
because he can do it all." — Eric Jackson
"Willie McGee because he is the all
time greatest Cardinal player." —
Laurie Bohnenstiehl

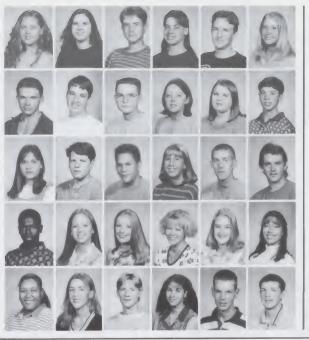
"I like Ray Lankford because he looks good in his uniform." — Sara Schwager "My favorite player is Fredbird because he has all the skills." — Todd McQueeen

"Ozzie Smith, Ray Lankford, and Brian Jordan because the Cardinals would not know what to do without these three guys on the team." — Alfred Mahan

"Ray Lankford and Brian Jordan because they are the two best outfielders on the Cardinal team." — Keith Donohue "Brian Jordan because he's all out hustle all of the time." — Steven Graham

"My favorite player is Ozzie Smith because he is the greatest shortstop of all time." — Jeffrey Klee

"Ozzie Smith because he has been around for a long time and I just like him." — Jerry Jackson



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Shannon Pruett Mark Quigley Rudy Rangel Kristine Raynor Ryan Reagan Jess Reed

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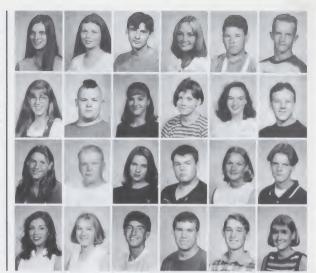
1. David Williams has always been the #1 fan of the baseball Cardinals. 2. Ozzie Smith gets ready to swing. 3. "The Wizzard" has his day of honor at Busch Stadium.

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Crystal Robinson Terry Rochester Michelle Roeder Suzanne Rogers Kristie Ross Mario Rossi

Shannon Roth Thomas Rothe, Jr. Kara Rupcinski Danny Ray Rushing Jaime Rushing Kenneth Rushing

Holly Ryan Laura Sabol Mark Sanchez Rory Sawyer Erik Schank Kathlynn Schermer



### STUDENTS NAME FAVORITE CLASSES

Throughout your school years there is one class that really stands out. A favorite class to most people is a class that they have enjoyed what they were taught, the people in the class were mostly their friends, or the teacher was good. When juniors at GCHS were asked what their favorite class was/is, these responses were given:

"Lunch isn't really a class but I like it because you get to eat and chill." — Robert Brummitt

"Psychology because you learn about what people may be thinking or feeling." — Jillian Ponder "My favorite class is Band be-

cause there is no homework and it is fun." — Laura Davis

"My favorite class was probably Chemistry. We got a chance to see the experiments, not just on paper, but in real life. Also, we learned what they were used for." — Rosanne Slecka

"American History, because history is my favorite subject."— Jessica Mefford

"Biology because I like dissecting things and learning about life." — Matthew Gibson

"My favorite class has been acting because I got to do something fun that I love to do plus, take naps on the auditorium floor." — Laura Nicol

"Any math class because I like to work with numbers." — Kristin Sollberger

"Even though working in the office isn't really a class, I liked it because there is no homework."

— Steven Graham

"The upper class, because I love rich, snobby people." — Todd McQueen



Alan Schmedeman James Schmidt Sara Schwager Ryan Sedlacek Tabatha Selliers Bryan Sheppard

Shaun Sheppard Timothy Simon John Siner Amber Sipes Barbara Sitton Amy Skalsky

Joseph Skinner Melissa Skinner Marissa Slattery Rosanne Slecka Dawn Slone Scott Smallie

William Smart Dereck Smith Eric Smith James Smith Jeremy Smith Kiesha Smith







1. Gary Kiselka is on his way to his favorite class. 2. Floyd Waters prepares for his shop class. 3. David Justice stands in study hall, his favorite class.

Melissa Smith Rocky Smith Katie Smothers Kristin Sollberger Megan Solomon Amanda Soltani

Laura Sorenson Kelly Sparks Michael Springs Mindy Staggs Daniel Stagman Stepahnie Stanfill

Benjamin Starko Laura Stewart Micheal Stone Leanna Strubberg Christopher Sumpter Andy Swain

> Sonya Switala Jaime Tankersley Anna Tapp Amanda Taylor Georgia Taylor Roy Taylor





1. Joshua Haldeman and Christopher Babic support the no smoking on school property law. 2. Ryan Reagan gives two thumbs down on smoking.





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Clayton Warren Floyd Waters Dana Watkins David Weathers Melissa Webb Andrew Welborn

# UP IN SMOKE

Smoking is a very controversial subject in our country today. It is illegal for people under the age of eighteen to purchase tobacco products. Still, many minors smoke.

Understanding why a young person would start smoking now, knowing the risks, is very difficult. Many people start smoking because of curiosity. Others start so they look more mature. Peer pressure is the main cause of teenage smoking. Young adults do not want to look out of place when offered a cigarette, so they accept it. Amanda Dockery said, "I smoke because when I started, everyone smoked so I figured it was okay."

Understanding why someone would continue to smoke is a little easier. Quitting smoking is very difficult. Cigarettes are extremely addictive. Also, most smokers don't want to stop. They find cigarettes very soothing. Dena

Harper said, "Smoking eases my tension and it takes my mind off things."

Many teenagers have made the decision not to smoke. They are concerned about their health. Cigarettes may lead to lung cancer or emphysema. It has been reported that smokers are also more susceptible to colds and infections and have less endurance than non smokers. Sarah Fielding said, "I don't smoke because it makes my eyes watery." Some people don't smoke because they don't find it appealing, and many students said, "smokers stink and have bad breath. Also, most smokers have yellow teeth and nicotine stains on their hands."

So whether you are a smoker or not, you need to understand the other side's opinions and know why they make the decisions they do.

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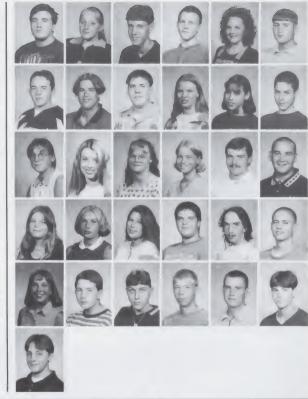
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> > Eric Yurcisin



















1. Mark Quigley admires the new hallway. 2. Amy Thomas spends some time in the new wing. 3. Kathi Ringling, Carmen Richardson, Julie Wilson, and Laurie Bohnenstiehl enjoy their lunch period. 4. These students give a thumbs up to V.I.C.A. 5. Christoffer Roberts, James Mellor, and David Weathers wash their hands after a day of hard work. 6. Aaron Brown, Mark Moseley, Jason Kynion, Joshewa Wylie, and Kirk Brumley exit the building in the new hallway. 7. Edward Connolly and Michael Stone give their opinions on reading books. 8. Johanna Ribley smiles, showing that she is happy to be at school.

# HAPPY DAYS



Crystal Cavins, Theodore Millas, and Rebecca Talley fight off the windy day.

# **SOPHOMORES**



Debra Aaron Jason Acord Casev Adams Jeffrey Ahlers John Ahlers Misty Alfaro Stephanie Ambuehl

Colin Anderson Katie Angle Michael Angle Jeffrey Annable Stephen Asbeck John Ashby Charles Atkins

John Bailey Tina Bailey Nathan Bain Jeffrey Baiter Stacey Baker Susan Baker **Brett Barnes** 

Robert Barton Rachel Bays Veronica Bazzell Nicole Becker Barbara Belden Crystle Bierschwal Mary Biller

Misty Bird Kelly Biver Robin Bloomquist Brooke Bolandis Jessica Boone Kimberly Boone Rebekah Boone

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Gabriela Briagas Gregory Brimer Christina Brimm Justin Brinkmeyer Patricia Brooks Angela Brown Jessica Brown

Jason Bryant Andrea Bukovac Amanda Burch Jonathan Burns Brandon Butkovich Stephanie Cain Craig Callender

Dawn Callender Donald Cardin **Honesty Carpenter** Rebecca Carpenter Denise Carroll Travis Catron Crystal Cavins

Jeremy Champion **Bobbie Chastain** Breann Chastain Misty Chastain Earl Clark Joseph Clark Chrissy Clifton

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# RING IN THE SOPHOMORES

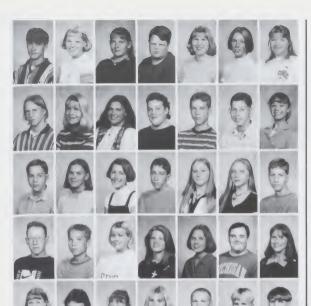
There are many things that make your sophomore year enjoyable. One is that you are able to order your class ring. It will always remind you of the four great years you spent at the high school. It will be a reminder of everything you participated in or accomplished at GCHS

At the beginning of each year, Jostens comes to the school during the lunch hours with many ring displays to encourage the sophomores to purchase a class ring. Also, there is a meeting in the evening for the parents to attend along with their children. At the meeting, parents and students check out the selection and ask any questions that they might have.

It is not so easy finding the right ring at the right price for you. When buying your class ring, there are various choices of what it will include. It can include a sporting team, clubs, your school mascot, your name, or religious symbols. All this is just on the side of the ring. You can also have a choice of what kind of stone you want embedded in it and what kind of band you want it to have. Students can get a gold or silver band with a stone of almost any size or color you want. Also, you can get the school mascot or a variety of other designs behind your stone. Another feature is that you can get your name or initials engraved on the inside of the band.

Many feel that class rings are a waste, but others think that high school would not be the same without one. Some students buy them to show off, some because it is a family tradition, or just because they want to give the ring to a significant other. No matter what the reason, your class ring is something you can treasure for

the rest of your life.



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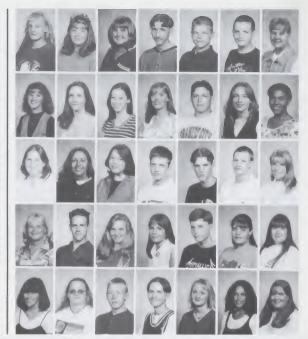
1. Nichole Smith, Amanda Pashea, and Robyn Slater model their class rings. 2. Kyle Wilmsmeyer shows off his class ring. 3. Michael Angle points to his lifetime of memories; his class ring. Christina Dunnavant Tabitha Dusky Sarah Eaton John Eckmann Byron Edrington Thomas Elledge Nancy Ellington

> Jamie Ellis Nicole Ellis Stacy Ellis Rebecca Ellsworth William Elsner Kristen Ely Melanie England

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> Jamie Fields Alfred Fischer Sheryl Fischer Rachel Flanigan Jason Flaugher Jenny Flood Amanda Flora

Lisa Flowers Amanda Foley Ian Foley Sean Foote Misti Ford Debralle Foreshee Kelly Fortune



# IN THE ARMY NOW

For any student who wants to join the army, the new class offered in P.E. brought them one step closer to their dream. The class, called Basic Training, was offered the first nine weeks of school during third hour.

The teacher in charge of the class was Mrs. Hill. She was joined by Sergeant Garfield Duckett and Sergeant Timothy Connell. Around sixty students participated in the class. It was considered a success by all.

In the class, students were asked to perform many different skills, such as sit-ups, push-ups, and running. In these activities, the students had to meet the requirements of the Citadel. They learned to set goals for themselves. They also learned they must put all their energy into reaching those goals.

The class was not all hard work, though. Often, they played games. The games taught them to work as a team and also how to relax and have fun. These games were liked by the students as well as the teachers.

After the nine week class was completed, the students had a graduation ceremony. During this ceremony, they received certificates, and were congratulated for all their hard work and dedication.

The Basic Training class was a welcomed addition to the Granite City High School P.E. curriculum. Students and the gym teachers were extremely happy about the results of the class. Plans to have it again are already in progress. If you did not get the chance to participate in the class this year, do not worry. You will have other opportunities to do so.



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Michelle Gorges Amy Goskie Kristopher Goss Joanna Greenspan Casey Grieve Brian Groboski Anthony Guithues

Brianna Hacke Lea Haddix Ryan Haddix Eric Hahn Sara Halbrook Justin Hale Brandi Hamilton

Trisha Hamilton Peggy Hammond James Hancock Janelle Hankes Alicia Hansen Lyn Harper Amanda Harris





1. The 1996 fall semester basic training graduating class. 2. Dimana Spudich receives her certificate of accomplishment from Sgt. Pride, Capt. Hansen, and Sgt. Duckett.

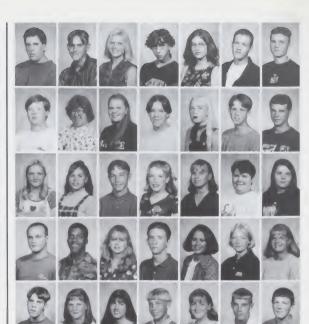
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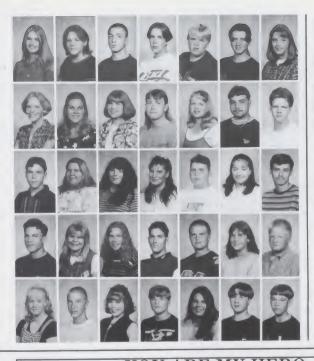












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Elizabeth Killian Bryan Kilman Louannn Kinworthy Steven Kirkpatrick Alisha Kleuskens Kenneth Knott Timothy Knowlton

# YOU ARE MY HERO

The dictionary definition of the word hero is any person thought of as an ideal or model. Although people agree with the basic definition, everyone puts their own slant on it. Heroes can be parents, relatives, teachers, movie stars, sport stars, or even cartoon characters. Heroes are role models. They possess special qualities that are not found in just anyone. They give people something to strive for and help us set out goals. Heroes always teach us to look toward the future.

Heroes have special characteristics that stand out in our minds, such as athletic ability, sincerity, honesty, and a special warm personality. They have what it takes to make us feel as special as they are to us. So when Granite City High School sophomores were asked about their heroes, this is what they had to say:

My mom. She can do anything." - Katie Serrano

"Emmitt Smith. He's the best running back in football." — Ryan Haddix Brad Pitt. He gets all the chicks." Derek Penrod

My dad. He worked hard all his life, but had fun doing it." - Michael Angle 'Jesus Christ. He died on the cross so we

"Open Christ. He died on the cross so we could go to heaven." — Breann Chastain "Oprah Winfrey. She makes a lot of money." — Mitchell Goldenberg "Kramer. Hove the hair." — John Ahlers "Rosa Parks. She stood up for her rights."

Jamie Fields

"David Justice. He never gives up."

— Dustin Murphy "Superman. He's super." — Jason Bryant "My dad. He has got the job I want when I grow up." — Wallace Drennan
"Wayne the bus boy. He is my role model

on the job." — Aaron Long
"My aunt and uncle. They are always

there when I need someone to talk to."

- Melanie England "John Lennon. He always did what he stood for." — Megan Curran "Ross Perot. I like his ears." — Craig

"Earthworm Jim. Because he's a worm."

William Werner "Bob Dole. He's Republican." - Jacob

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James Knox
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Kristal Koller
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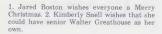
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## WHEN YOU WISH

If you had one wish, what would it be? All wishes are different and based upon the individual making it. There are many common wishes though, such as good health, happiness, success, material things, etc. These wishes seem to be those of everyone, but they are important. Whether wishing upon a star, a magic lamp, or the wishbone from the Thanksgiving Day turkey,

each wish is unique. When the sophomore class was asked what they would wish for, these were the replies given:

"I wish Elvis were alive so he could live in Granite." — Jane Signall

"I hope to be a successful veterinarian who is living life to the fullest." — Nichole Smith

"My wish is to find a cure for the AIDS virus." — Amanda Pashea

"I hope to be successful in my life." — Robyn Slater

"To have a red Mustang sitting in my driveway would be my greatest wish." — Amanda Rodgers

"If I had one wish, it would be for world peace." — Jason Hileman

"I wish I could keep my best friend from moving away." — Dena Williams Tamra Nelson Amy Newman Nathan Nichols Jeremy Niemeyer Cara Nighohossian Cassie Nighohossian Gary North Jr.

Katherine Norton
Kim Odom
Nicholas Ogle
Alfred Pace
Kelly Padgett
Xiomara Padilla
Charles Papp

Melanie Parrish Amanda Pashea Dirk Pearman Kristina Pearson Amy Pennell Derek Penrod Dewayne Percy

Angela Perdue Jason Peters Charles Phillips Deanna Pieper Rebecca Pierce Angela Potter Derek Powers

Sherry Presswood Tanya Pulley Evonne Raftery Amanda Ragan Kevin Ragsdale Anthony Randazzo Jayla Ratchford



#### TALK SHOWS

Many students at GCHS spend countless hours during their summer vacations watching all of those trashy daytime talk shows. Some people, especially teenagers, find those talk show hosts inviting to watch.

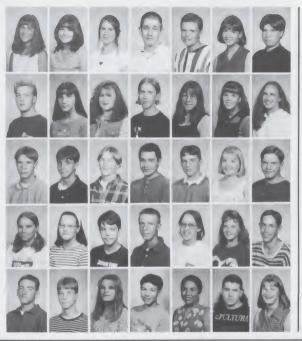
Jenny Jones, Ricki Lake, Montel Williams, Geraldo, Jerry Springer, Richard Bey, Tempest, Maury Povich, Sally Jesse Raphael, and of course the queen of talk shows herself, Oprah Winfrey are among those talk shows that teens just love to watch. Couch potatoes that would rather glue themselves to the boob tube than do something constructive find themselves making talk shows a part of their daily routine during the summer days.

When asked what she would like to see on talk shows, Susan Baker said, "I like lots of makeovers." Tonnie Washington also likes to see makeovers "where the young girls are taught to dress their age."

Sean Courtney didn't feel the same about makeovers, instead he said, "Lots of fights are what I like to see." Monica Widel, on the other hand, said "Forget about makeovers and fights. I want to see more guy model interviews." Amy Cox agreed with Monica Widel by saying "I want to see more hot-looking guys." Good-looking guys are a popular topic among female students, Jennifer Mosier agreed, "I like to see studs on the talk shows."

Ross Sedlacek said, "I like to see cute girl models." Katherine Thornton is not picky about her topic choice, "As long as the topics are sleezy, I like it," she says. Jamie Raub disagreed, saying, "Enough with the sleeze. I want more realistic topics." All Jan Shanafelt wants to see is "More shows on college athletes." People have different opinions about what they want to see on talk shows. One things is always the same.

they all love to watch.



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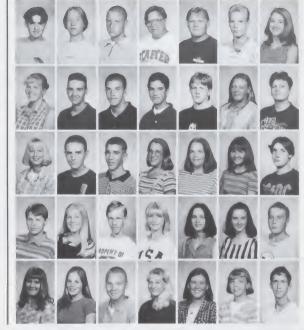
 Katie Serrano pretends to be a talk show host by interviewing Julie Mills. 2. Kenneth Cuvar, Mark Krause, and Francis Ferguson show that music is their favorite talk show topic. 3. Tiffany Harris tunes in to her favorite talk show Joseph Sharp Timothy Shelton Blake Shepard Michael Shomaker Raymond Shrum Wavie Shumate Jr. Kari Shup

Jane Signall Cory Simpson Michael Simpson Christopher Singleton Jeremy Skaggs Robyn Slater Lonnie Slone

> Stephanie Smiddy William Smiley Blake Smith Katie Smith Katrina Smith Nichole Smith Richard Smith

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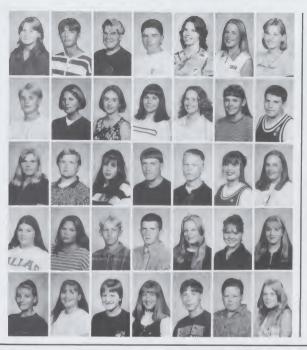
# HOW EMBARRASSING

Many students have certain life experiences they remember more vividly than others. Some of these happen to turn out to be rather embarrassing.

When the sophomores were asked what was their most embarrassing moment, most were reluctant to answer because of the fear of being humiliated by their peers. Those who did cooperate basically answered the same. Amanda Rodgers said, "I was really embarrassed when I got tripped during a baskeball game and fell on my face." Kim Cuvar said, "I was really humiliated when I was tripped going up the stairs and fell."

Most people think when others fall or get tripped that it is really funny, but those who go through the experience do not always seem to think the same. For one thing, just the thought of falling in front of people can make some people's faces turn red. When something embarrassing occurs, everyone laughs except the person being embarrassed.

Even after embarrassing moments are long gone, some people are still are unable to forget them totally. Students seem to think that all the laughter is aimed directly at them, when actually the laughing is at what happened, not who it happened to. Everybody gets embarrassed at some moment in their life, some just happen to do it when more people are around.



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Kristen Taylor Benjamin Temple Melissa Theis Benjamin Thompson John Thompson Tionia Thompson Katherine Thornton

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Amanda Tosh Jamie Towery Bethany Town Amanda Townzen Ryan Trobaugh Robert Tucker Tara Tullock





 Matthew Wells feels embarrassment approaching when he cannot identify his assigned rocks. Classmates Wallace Drennan and Justin Brinkmeyer observe. 2. Jamie Fields blushes after Joanna Greenspan pulled her chair out from under her.

Ronald Turnbough
Amy Turner
Joshua Turner
Catherine Utz
Rebecca Valle
Timothy Vandaveer
Joshua Vanvleet

Brian Vaughn Charles Vaughn Emily Vaughn Kevin Venne Madrigal Vorce Natalie Voss Ronald Wallace

Niccole Wania Alysha Ward Steven Ward Tonnie Washington James Watson Elizabeth Weatherly Amanda Weaver

Jonathan Weiss Laura Weissenborn Edward Welcher Melissa Weller Denny Wells Matthew Wells Andrew Werner

William Werner Stephanie Wesbrook Sara West Angelica Westbrook Tamara Weston Jerod White Lisa White





1. Elizabeth Dittman shows her dedication to one of her favorite bands, the Beatles. 2. Danny Dixon takes a break to listen to some music during play practice. 3. Ronald Shafer enjoys listening to Megadeth.







Bryan Whited Leslie Whittington Monica Widel Kellie Wilkinson Lauren Wilkinson Brandon Williams Jamie Williams

Michael Williams Steven Williams Wesley Williams Joseph Willis Kyle Wilmsmeyer Leonard Wilson III Theresa Wilson

Corey Winfield Daniel Winkle Becky Wood Ricky Woodard Crystal Woolverton Ryan Worthen Hollie Wright

Regina Wright Matthew Yarbrough Jeremy Yeager Amy York Jason Zigler Nicholas Zotti

## CLASSIC VS. MODERN

With all the differences people have, one common bond is the love of music. No matter who you are or your ethnic background, music is a part of our lives.

Modern rock tends to be the favorite music of students here at GCHS. Korn, the Def Tones, and Marylin Manson are a few of the hip new bands becoming very popular here at school. Along with this type of music comes the art of moshing. This consists of thrusting yourself into a huge pit of sweaty people and jumping around to the music.

Alanis Morisette, Oasis, 311, Bush, and the Urge are trendy bands that, for some reason or another, became popular. Many kids at GCHS like these groups and find them to be energetic, have a good rhythm, and just like the sound they have. However, many find these bands to be extremely annoying.

During the 1960's and 70's, classic rock was a big crowd pleaser. The Greatful Dead, Led Zepplin, The Doors, Janis Joplin and Jimmy Hendrix are a few examples of the more popular artists of this era. Classic rock has an edge to it that can not compare to today's modern music. It is both loud and quiet, soulful, extreme, and even mello. As the 60's and 70's fade further away, the music of that time becomes more popular.

Country music is another popular type of music to listen to. Garth Brooks, Shania Twain, Alan Jackson, and Vince Gill are a few of the country singers that have paved the way in music. Many teenagers enjoy and love this type of music, and enjoy country line dancing to the music.

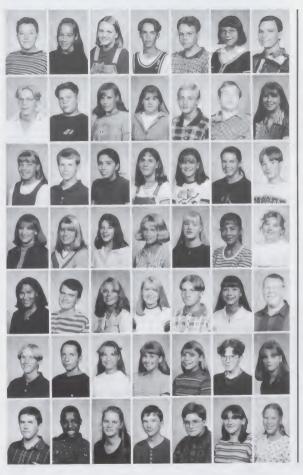
While many people are diverse and their own person, one common bond we all share is the love for music. No matter what your musical preference is, turn it up and enjoy.

# DAYDREAM BELIEVER



Josh Harrison is Santa Claus and Rachel Means is the little elf in Mrs. Peach's first-hour class.

# **FRESHMEN**



Jason Aaron Heather Accardi Heather Ackerman Jacob Adams Johnathan Adams Jamie Alexander Joshua Anderson

Ryan Armes Alexis Arosemena Samantha Ashby Brittany Ashford Kevin Atkins Larry Avery Kelly Baehr

Christina Ballard Ryan Ballew Jacquelin Barron Nicole Barron Samantha Barton Amanda Barunica Nicholas Bast

Jessica Bathon Jessica Bauer Kasey Baum Andria Baxter Sara Baxter Crystal Becerra Crystal Beck

Maya Becton Patrick Bell Janelle Belles Kimberlee Bennett Randy Bergfield Kristin Bernaix Rickey Bettis

Fred Beyrau Terry Biggs Tonya Biggs Amy Bilderback Megan Bilyeu Jason Bivens Dacia Blackwell

Jason Bladdick Isom Bledsoe Renata Blunt Brian Bogovich Kenneth Bone Deanna Booker Jodi Boone Kristen Borchers Nicholas Bortz Courtney Bosworth Daniel Boyd Erin Boyer Holly Bradshaw Todd Brady

Stephanie Brake Melodie Brankov Stephanie Breeze Chad Bridgeman Kyle Bridges Brett Briggs John Brock

Amy Brooks
David Brooks
George Brooks
Daniel Brown
Nicole Brown
Paul Browning
Kevin Buckingham

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### GO FOR THE GOLD

The 1996 Summer Olympics were held in Atlanta, Georgia. Many young athletes worked their entire lives for that one glorious moment to stand on that platform while millions of people watched them receive the gold and listen to the national anthem.

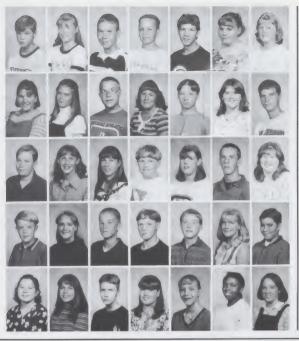
There are many different events to compete in at the Olympics. They range from archery to yachting. Some are more popular than others to spectators. The most popular are basketball, baseball/softball, gymnastics, soccer, swimming, track and field, and volleyball. Today, most sports are participated in by both men and women.

The Olympics lasted 17 Days. In that period of time the United States won 44 gold medals, 32 silver, and 25 bronze totalling 101 medals. The next closest was Germany with a total of 65 medals. The U.S.

dominated the 1996 Summer Olympics.

There were many great moments in these games. Michael Johnson, in his gold shoes, won both the 200 and the 400 meter races. This has never been done before in Olympic history by one man. Carl Lewis tied the number of gold medals won by a single athlete at nine. The women's gymnastics team won a gold medal on Kerri Strug's courageous vault with an injured left ankle barely surpassing the Russians. The "Dream Team" won again, grossly dominating over Yugoslovia in the final game. The women's soccer team had some surprising victories and won gold.

The highlight of it all was the closing ceremonies. The flame was extinguished and all the Olympic athletes participated in a peaceful celebration.



Richard Carney Melissa Carpenter Kevin Carroll Jared Casleton Donald Caughron Kelli Cavness Michelle Charbonnier

Ammee Chepely Sarrah Cheung Daniel Cholevik Jamie Christopher Randy Christy Candi Cigelski Billy Clark

Bryan Clark Sarah Clark Celeste Clayton Michael Cline Melissa Cloninger Sean Cochran Jacquelin Colter

Matthew Cook Michelle Copeland Patrick Copeland Anthony Copper Adam Courtney Marissa Cox Brian Crippen, Jr.

Elisa Crockett Lindsey Crook Curtis Croy Stephanie Cupples Amanda Cuvar Samareia Darling Angela Davidson





 Olympic divers from around the world prepare for their competition.
 Ms. Benkert enjoys her time spent with Janet Evans and Mark Lindsay after their tough day of competition.

Angela Davis Connie Davis Crystal Davis Debra Davis Randall Davis Robert Davis Ryan Davis

Amber Dawdy Timothy Dawes Joann Dawson Adrea Dayton Heather Dearing Jody Dehart Holly Derossett

Jason Dickerson
Daniel Dill
Timothy Dillard
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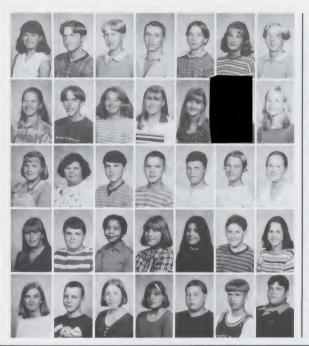
Tabatha Duff Joshua Duffield Sherri Dunlap Jason Eaton Bradley Ebersohl Kimberly Ebrecht Demetrius Edmond





 Erika Todd displays one of her many fears — getting a low grade on one of her papers.
 John Stordahl's fear is getting beat up by seniors Philip Meyer and Brian Johnson.





Lisa Edwards Andrew Elliff David Elliff Kevin Elliott Jason Ellis Jamie Elmore Andrew Elv

Rebecca Emery Charles Enzwiler Melissa Essington Laura Etherton Kellie Evans William Farmer Jesse Faulkner

Stephanie Feltmeyer Camille Fensterman Timothy Ferguson Jason Fernandez William Ficor Daniel Fields Dawn Files

Jamie Finch Christopher Flanigan Jessica Fondren Katie Forrester Alaina Forvs Justin Fraley Megan Francis

Julia Fuhrman Richard Fuller Sarah Fultz Christina Gabriel Roger Galbraith Gavin Gann Nicholas Garcia

## DON'T BE AFRAID

Making the transition from being a big fish in a little pond to becoming a little fish in a big pond is often a challenge and at times can be somewhat frightening. That's exactly what it's lille for an adolescent leaving the junior high scene and entering the world of high school.

"Getting lost," is one of the worries that Ker iDix and Joi McNeish share with their fellow classmates.

Zachary May stated that "Going to the wrong classroom," was another fear for freshmen. However, these anxieties were made worse due to the renovation of our high school. Because of the remodeling of our facility, the newcomers did not receive the benefit of an orientation inside the school building which would allow them the opportunity to familiarize themselves with their new surroundings.

One of Andria Baxter's worse fears was "failing classes," which seemed to be on the minds of several others. As students advance to high school, the classes seem to become more challenging and the teachers more strict. As tough as it all may seem, you will find them very beneficial later on in your life.

Other concerns were "Not having anyone I knew in my lunch class," and "Getting picked on by my

older sister," said Emily Worthen and Eric Wright.

However, there are those that possess the confidence Nicholas Garcia displays in his quote, "I have no fears." To those, the transition created no problems

Scott Gardner Emily Garofoli Susan Gauvin Christina Geahlen John Gensert Melissa Gerber Zachary Giese

Amanda Gosz Jennifer Grable Jason Grasle Cody Gray James Greer Lanese Griffith Heather Grindstaff

Lester Grobe Brandy Guenther Nicholas Gwin David Hagston II Ronda Hall Dawn Halley Daniel Harper

Megan Harper Sarah Harris Joshua Harrison Joshua Harrison Theresa Hatley Jamie Haug Catherine Haverman

Michelle Haverman Christopher Havron Kara Haymaker Charles Haynes David Haynes Derick Hays Joey Hays



## RUSH HOUR AT GCHS

Have you ever been stuck in a big traffic jam? Your vehicle cannot move, and it seems like you have been sitting in your car forever. Depending on the time of day, this might sound like the hallways at Granite City High School.

The most obvious reason for the congestion is the renovation. We know it will one day be done, but will we survive until then? Many of the exits that used to be accessible are now blocked off. This limits your choice of walking inside or outside, and what route to take to your next class.

The enrollment at Granite City High School is approximately 2,400. This is about a 100 more students than last year walking through the hallways. Besides students, there are also teachers, administrators, and hard-hatted construction workers.

To solve the crowded hallway situation, Dennis Narveaz feels that, "the renovation should have been finished before school started." On the other hand, Matthew Pistorius thinks "they should have put all the lockers separate from the hallways where you walk." These sound good, but the renovation is here and there is no way around it.

There is no choice for now. We have to conquer the crowded hallways. To make it easier to get to class on time, Justin Jones says he, "carries all of his books to class with him." Danny Dotz responded by saying, "I don't goof around in the hallways."

The crowded hallways are going to be a day-to-day challenge for all students to get to class on time. For possibly the next few years, people who walk the halls of GCHS will have to adapt and change to make it to their destination.



Kim Haywood Lindsay Heath James Hellings II Jason Henderson Robert Henderson Torrie Henderson Mandeline Hendricks

Kimberly Hendrickson Kyle Hensley Candice Herin Joseph Hersom Marian Hersom Jeremy Hickam Bobby Hicks

Candice Hildreth Courtney Hitt Aaron Hoback Amanda Hodge Jeffrey Hoffman Jeffery Holliday Kate Hollis

Michael Holthaus Amanda Holtsford James Hooker Amber Hopper Douglas Horton Carl Hozian Christopher Huitrado

Rachel Hull Ernest Hume Billie Hunt David Hunter Erica Ingram Kathryn Isom Eugenia Isreal





1. Students wait to enter some of the crowded halls during fifth hour. 2. Students enter the school after lunch.

Travis Isreal
David Jackson
Matthew Jackson
Jeanna Janek
Patrick Jarman
Sarah Jarrett
Michael Jasudowicz

Jamie Jateff Jeffrey Jerden Katara Jobe Amanda Johnson Amy Johnson Arthur Johnson Brandy Johnson

Joseph Johnson Michael Johnson Brandi Jones Crystal Jones Jamie Jones Justin Jones Tracie Jones

April Jordan Natalie Judge Laura Kamadulski Erik Kambarian Holly Kampmann Christopher Kayich Burrae Kelley

Ian Kessel Jennifer Kessler Clifford Kinnunen George Kirgan Sarah Kirkpatrick Natasha Kite Laura Kohenskey

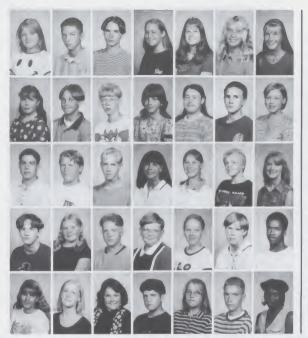




 Classmates Billie Hunt and Rachel Means point to their desired summer vacationing spot. 2. Freshman Ian Kessel may one day visit South America for a summer vacation. 3. Heather Ackerman shows off her souvenir from her summer trip.







Kristen Koleff Timothy Kosuge Jeremiah Kovar Shannon Kraus Amy Krieshok Alexandra Krinski Angela Kromraj

Sarah Kuhn Randal Kunkel David Kyle Sarah Kyle Levi Lancaster Phillip Lancaster Kristen Lance

Brian Lane Jeremy Lane Christopher Lapeire Katie Lathrop Julia Lemaster Christopher Lemler Lindsay Lerch

Mitch Levart Rachael Levault Christopher Lewis Eric Lewis Misty Lewis Wiliam Lewis Antwon Lindsey

Jessica Lloyd Amber Lofink Mary Lofink Daniel Lopez Sarah Lowe Jacob Loyd Latosha Loyd

### SUMMER SIZZLES

Summer vacation is a time to be enjoyed by all. It's a time of freedom and fun. The days are carefree and lazy. No one is worrying about having to return to school. Teenagers do a variety of things during the summer break. Some take vacations. Others play sports. Still others just relax and spend time with their friends.

Many people take vacations during the summer. Some have a favorite vacation spot that they return to year after year. Others like to try new and exotic spots.

Sports are another big summer activity. Baseball is a favorite summer sport. Some people play, but others just like to watch. Swimming is another sport participated in during the summer months. Swimming is a wonderful way to cool off during the hot days. Other summer sports include soccer, tennis, and golf.

Relaxing and spending time with friends are two of the best parts of summer. It is the only time of year where students can stay up all night every night and sleep all day every day.

So, no matter what you do next summer, stop and appreciate just how wonderful a time summer is.

Marriet Lucas Sarah Luehmann Melissa Lueke Brian Madison Kristina Mangi Michelle Marquis Brandy Martin

Kate Marzluf Phillip Matoesian Stephanie Matyas Amanda May Zachary May Devin Mayes Erin McCauley

Angela McClery Crystal McGlawn Dwayne McKee James McKee Jarod McMillian Joi McNeish Nicholas McSpadden

> Rachel Means Joshua Mefford Megan Mehelic Tia Mehl John Mell Andrew Messina Robert Meszaros

Joshua Milam
Heather Miller
Lauren Miller
Lindsay Miller
Michelle Miller
Arthur Miller, III
Joseph Million













Robert Mitchell Jessica Mitcherson James Moniz Larry Monroe Della Moore John Moore Nathanial Moore

Jeremy Morris Krista Morton Bryan Moseley Mark Moulton Ronald Moussette Charles Nagy Amy Neidhardt

Belinda Newman Jason Newman John Nicol, Jr. Scott Niggli Jennifer Noeth Aimee Nyers Jennifer O'Bear

Derrick Oliver Kera Olson Kathryn Oney Carrie Overturf Jennifer Overturf Timothy Owens, Jr. Gary Oxford

Julie Padgett Harrison Padgett, Jr. Harry Painter Jeremy Parey Jessica Partney Brenton Pasley Rebekah Patterson

#### ST. LOUIS SPORTING EVENTS

St. Louis sports have been going through as many changes these past few years as our school is going through now. Not only are the teams changing but also the sports complexes where they play.

In 1995, the Rams moved to St. Louis and with them came a brand new football stadium. The Rams were very welcomed to their new home in the Trans World Dome which is now fully completed.

The Blues moved from their old worn down Arena to the brand new Kiel Center. The Blues have went through many changes. They received a new uniform design and also for a short while had the "Great One," Wayne Gretzky, playing for them.

Not only is the Kiel home to the Blues but also to the St. Louis Vipers and the St. Louis Stampede. The Vipers are a roller hockey team that is becoming very popular. The Stampede is a new sport of indoor football which is also gaining popularity.

Busch Stadium has also gone through a very big change in the last year. The field was changed from astro-turf to grass. It was a very big and successful change. The new grass has seemed to set the Cardinals in new spirits. The Cardinals are currently in first place, even though at the end of the season they will be suffering a big loss; Ozzie Smith is retiring. After spending countless years with the Cardinals, he has decided that it is time to hang up his

Also at Busch, a new section of seats has been added that hold a \$100 price tag per seat. These seats are right behind home plate. When sitting in this area, waiters serve you food so you do not have to leave the game. There is also a buffet before the game if you so desire.

No matter how many changes the teams of St. Louis have experienced, the fans have always been there to cheer them on. This makes St. Louis fans the best around. Maybe, if it keeps up like this and the fans stay supportive, one day we will get an NBA team. Joshua Peacher Victor Peralez Tanya Percy Keith Perigo Justin Peters Thomas Petrillo Elisabeth Petty

Benjamin Phillips Ladonna Phillips Sara Phillips Jeremy Piel Matthew Pistorius Christopher Pollard Elizabeth Pool

Calvin Powell
Phillip Powell
Deron Powers
Sara Poznanovich
David Price
Donnie Pugh
Shelly Pulaski

Joshua Pyles Jason Rainwater Jacob Rangel Andrew Ravanelli Tabitha Ray Eric Rea Jessica Reader

Michael Reagan Emily Richardson Bobby Rider Sara Rinehart Kristopher Riskovsky Robert Roberts Brent Robertson





1. Ronda Hall, Theresa Hatley, and Michelle Wilson display their favorite brand of clothing. 2. Holly Bradshaw and Samantha Barton show brand loyalty to NIKE and Calvin Klein. 3. Amanda May, Megan Mehelic, and Stacey Weinkein are all smiles while showing off their brand names.







Daniel Robinson Justin Roehr James Rogers Mikalene Romanitis Kathryn Ronk Elizabeth Rooney Dustin Ross

Christina Rother Kimberly Ruan Kristen Rupcinski Amber Russell Kira Ryan Matthew Salzman Tara Sander

Scott Schardan Richard Scharf Elizabeth Schildman Jeffrey Schlecht Bobbie Schneedle Rory Schneider Jennifer Schreiber

Jamie Schubert Frank Schwaller Denis Schwieriohn Julie Scott Shena Scrum Beth Seibold Kristin Setser

Nathan Severine Cory Shemwell Mary Shepard Chad Sherlock Robert Shipley Matthew Shrum **Bradly Sipes** 

### Y CHOICES

Fashion is one of the most important aspects in a teenagers life. While times have changed, so have styles. From saddle-oxfords to bell bottoms and hot pants to oversized jeans, fashion keeps changing and reinventing itself

In the 1990's, fashion is basically anything goes. Teenagers can be seen sporting everything from a nice conservative button-down shirt, to leather pants and a pair of Doc Martins.

Here at Granite City High-School, students can be seen wearing such looks as the preppy, alternative, punk, and casual. Where the

roots of students style choices stem from is a mystery. Chances are television, magazines, models, and rock and roll stars play an important role.

As for the preppy look, that mostly consists of neutral colors, khakis, button-down shirts, basically the more conservative look. Generally most of the students at GCHS have this style.

For the rest of the student body, the alternative and casual look are the next two popular fashion choices. Spotting these looks are not hard at all. Just look for the guys and girls that look as if they have just been cut out from a current fashion magazine. These students are the ones that can be seen wearing wide jeans, chunky healed shoes, over sized shirts, bright colors, and anything that looks like it came from the 1970's. This look is not suitable for all teenagers, but it is the basic fashion theme for generation next.

Last but certainly not least is punk. This is definitely the most unique and creative of all the fashion types. Combat boots, military surplus wear, hard core music groups t-shirts, cut-off pants and long underwear are the basic gear for punk. Also, a necessity for this

look is different shades of hair, such as blue, green, purple, yellow, pink, and even rainbow.

Most teenagers would never dare go to this extreme for fashion. As for the ones that do, these are the people who are not afraid to be an individual and not fit in with the stereotypical look of today's society.

Fashion today is at its liberating peak. Whether your style is preppy, alternative, or punk, there is not a wrong fashion choice to

be made. The secret to good fashion is to choose what you like and what you feel comfortable wearing, and not worrying about anyone else's opinion

Travis Skaalerud Richard Skirball Nathaniel Slate Jamie Slattery Jonathan Slay Justin Slav Ashlev Slover

Lora Smallman Barbara Smith Christopher Smith Deanna Smith Melinda Smith Mickey Smith Nathan Smith

Zachary Smith Timothy Snell Jennie Snelson Jessica Snider Kathleen Southerland Christina Sowell Justin Sparks

> Katherine Speece Kimberly Speece Ryan Spiroff Ryan Stagner Amanda Stephens Deeanne Stern Melissa Stewart

Amber Stine Jeremy Stone John Stordahl, II Cody Stout Jessica Stratman Codev Stratton Carl Stucke



### CARTOON FAVORITES

Everybody loves a good cartoon. Whether you like to admit it or not, those little characters on T.V. can make you laugh till your stomach hurts. Some are fat, small, tall, or skinny. Others can be cute, ugly, or scary. All cartoon characters have their own personality.

Have you ever wanted to be a cartoon character? As silly as that may sound you could really have a lot of fun being an animation. After all, you could have super-powers, incredible strength, or an I.Q. of 200.

Here are some comments from the

freshman class on who their favorite cartoon character is and why they would enjoy being like them:

'I like Donald Duck because he is grouchy like me." - Justin Sparks Tinkerbell because she has an

attitude." - Kathryn Ronk "Stimpy would be my favorite because he has a cool voice." - Justin

Fernandez "I like Earthworm Jim because he

has cool weapons." - Andrew "Winnie the Pooh because he is

cute and has cute friends." - Sarah

"Wile E. Coyote is my favorite because he is wild and adventurous like me." - Harry Painter

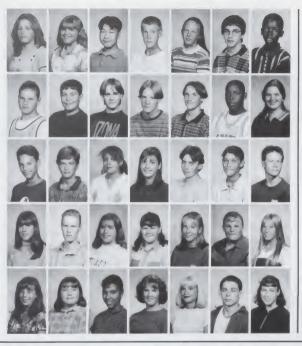
"I like Piglet because he has cute ears." - Erica Todd

"Droopy the Dog because he is calm, cool, and tough like me." -Kyle Bridges

'He-Man is my favorite cartoon character because he is buff." -

Shawn Rae ''Spiderwoman because

Spiderman is cute." - Kasey Baum



Brandi Stufflebean Karen Suess Hae Won Suh Ty Suhre Stephanie Summers David Svezia Daniel Swain

Michael Switala Timothy Swyear Gary Tadlock Jeremy Tankersley David Taylor Glenn Taylor, Jr. Sasha Temple

Matthew Thomas Patrick Thomas Brandi Thompson Kristin Tindall Richard Tipton Erika Todd Joseph Topal

Kimberley Trobaugh Robert Trower Kristina Trucks Marie Tudor Krystal Turnbough Christina Valencia Emily Vance

Marla Vansickle Amber Vasiloff Andrea Vasquez Kathryn Vivod Nicole Voss Joseph Waeltermann Jessica Wallace







1. Tanya Percy, Michelle Haverman, and Alimee Nyers all sit and show off their favorite cartoon character apparel. 2. Samareia Darling stops to show off her favorite cartoons. 3. Tweety Bird is Samantha Barton's favorite cartoon character.

FRESHMEN 145

Rebecca Wallace Terry Wallace Justin Warren Joseph Watkins Joseph Weaver Stacey Weinkein Melissa Weiser

Amanda Werths
Dustin Wesley
Candis White
Kendra White
Melissa White
Nathan White
Rachel Whitehead

Shana Whitford Jamie Widel Eric Wienhoff Coy Wilhelmy Percy Wilkinson Alan Williams Casandra Williams











Trevor Williams Chad Wilson Michelle Wilson Nicholas Wilson Bobby Witt Kenneth Woll Amy Wood

Anna Wood Jason Woodson Robert Woolen Sarah Woolverton Emily Worthen Jessica Worthen

Eric Wright Monique Wright Rebecca Wright Heather Yates Amanda Yeager Kenneth Yeager Aaron Zamkus

Amanda Zaring





Freshmen listen to Mrs. Aleman's discussion.
 LEFT ROW: Kathryn Ronk, Robert Meszaros, Melissa Lueke. RIGHT ROW: Kristin Setser, Rachel Whitehead, Matthew Thomas.
 Isom Bledsoe collects recyclable items for the Environmental Club.
 Brian Lane looks over his grades with Mrs. Petrillo.
 Robert Roberts.

# DAY BY DAY



SEATED: Ron Dillard, James Noeth, Eldin Rea, Walt Whitaker. STANDING: School Attorney William Schooley Jr., Pete Novacich, Jeff Parker, John Caudron, School Attorney William Schooley III.

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Superintendent Steve Balen has been associated with Granite City School District since 1981. Mr. Balen came to the district as the director of Programs and Service for handicapped students, alternative students, and pre-school students. He has been an administrator for 19 years.

Mr. Balen was born in Litchfield, Illinois, and graduated from high school in 1965. He currently holds a Bachelor's and Master's Degree in education and Specialist Degree in

school administration from Southern Illinois University/Edwardsville.



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## PRINCIPAL R. WILLIAM ROTTER



Every year people are recognized for great achievements. Often these people are athletes and great scholars. Sometimes they are just genuinely caring and responsible. Mr. R. William Rotter is one of these people. This was his second year as principal of Granite City High School.

He was born in Alton, Illinois. He graduated from high school in 1963. He completed his undergraduate studies at Saint Louis University and received a Bachelor of Science in math in 1967. He then did his graduate studies at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville and received his Masters degree in education & administration.

Mr. Rotter's family provides much support and encouragement. His wife Mary helps him get through the more difficult areas of administration. He has one son, Michael, and two daughters, Laura and Erin. His children and wife definitely have helped Mr. Rotter make it through his second year as principal.

Mr. R. William Rotter taught school for 25 years at Granite City High School. He later became part of the administration as assistant principal, and he held this job for three years. Now he has the top responsibility as principal of one of the largest schools in the state of Illinois.

Mr. Rotter is a visible principal. He can be seen strolling through the halls, eating lunch in the cafeteria, speaking to teachers in classrooms, walking around the gym, and monitoring the parking lot. He also takes time out of his busy schedule to stop and talk to students in the halls in between classes.

Mr. Rotter's position is not an easy one. It is his responsibility to keep everything running smoothly. Even though this is his second year as principal, he has managed to keep order and discipline at our school. We all wish Mr. Rotter many more years of success as our fearless leader.

#### JERRY McKECHAN



#### ONE VICE PRINCIPAL — FOUR ASSISTANTS

JERRY McKECHAN is the vice principal-athletic director at GCHS. This is his second year as vice principal. Before this he was an assistant principal for six years. He is in charge of all athletic programs, clubs, and organizations. He is second in command to Mr. Rotter and deals with discipline students only when needed. In addition to this, he oversees May Carousel, Homecoming, and all tournaments at GCHS. He says, "It is pretty hectic around the office but every day is fun and different. I start early and always end up staying late."

ALLEN KENNERLY is one of the assistant principals at GHCS. He has been an assistant principal for 18 years. His job puts him in charge of progress reports, student records, report cards, all student obligations, registration, and the coordinating of high school graduation as well as summer school graduation. He says that his favorite part of his job is dealing with the public and graduation. I really like seeing the students walk across the stage and

watching them move on.

STEVE HAMILTON is the assistant principal in charge of discipline at GCHS. He has been an assistant principal for two years. He sees the students whose last names begin with the letters A thru L. In addition to this he helps the other assistant principals in coordinating all the drug searches. He also has a hand in all after school detentions and all Saturday detentions. He says, "My favorite part of my job would be getting to meet all the students and learning a little bit about them."

CINDY GAGICH is the assistant principal at GCHS who is in charge of the curriculum - vocational special needs. This is her second year as an assistant principal. She is the vocational director for the Industrial, Business, and Home Economics departments. She also oversees off campus co-ops. Programs such as Job Shadowing and Career Fair are supervised by her as well. Her favorite part of her job is, "It changes every day and I have the opportunity

to work with a wide variety of people in different programs.'

DEBBIE WILKERSON is an assistant principal at GCHS who is mainly in charge of discipline. This is her first year as an assistant principal. She deals with the students whose last names begin with the letters M thru Z. Along with discipline she deals with teacher evaluations and the Warrior students handbook. Her goal is to help make GCHS a safer environment for the students and staff. When asked what her favorite part of her job is, she replied, "I like working with this particular age group of students, that's why I came back."



ALLEN KENNERLY



STEVE HAMILTON

154 ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS



CINDY GAGICH

DEBBIE WILKERSON



ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS 155

## ONE FINE DAY



Bill Puhse is the voice of GCHS football.



Lead Man - David Kessler



A tranquil moment in Gus Lignoul's day.



Danny Dahmm

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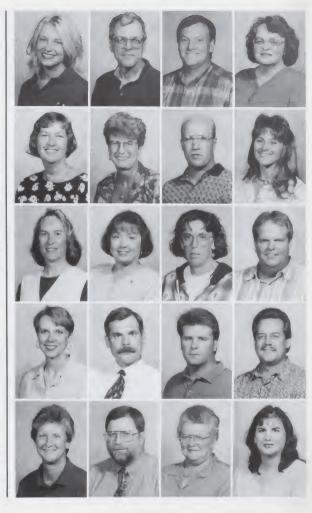
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Ed Whittleman Janet Williams Tim Wilson Andrew Yurko



SPOTLIGHT TEACHER DAVID AMES









## CIRCLE THE WAGONS

Amy's spotlight teacher for the 1996-1997 school year is Mr. David Ames. He has been a high school Amy s sportight ceather for the 1990-1997 school year is Mr. David Ames. He has been a fingl school teacher in Granite City for 27 years. Mr. Ames teaches Foreign Policy Current Events and World History. He has taught American History and English in the past. He taught English for three years in the mid-1980's. Reflecting on his career. Mr. Ames says, "I enjoy teaching because the students keep me young and I feel like I have something I can give back to them more than just history or a book educa-

Mr. Ames received his Bachelor's Degree in education from Illinois State University. He received his Master's Degree in education with a history concentration from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. He and wife Linda, also a teacher, share a common interest in history and education.

Soccer is one of Mr. Ames' greatest loves. He is the assistant varsity coach for the boys soccer team at G.C.H.S. He is also the head coach for the girls varsity team at O'Fallon High School.

Mr. Ames' children are an important part of his life. He has three daughters, Kim, age 28; Tammy, age

27; and Lea, age 20.

Mr. Ames allows his classes to speak their minds, while making sure they are learning their material. His Foreign Policy/Current Events classes spend many hours of class time discussing and debating current issues. His calm, laid-back attitude is one of the qualities that makes Mr. Ames a great teacher. He is a wonderful asset to the teaching staff, and he is appreciated by students and faculty alike.







SECRETARIES 1. Jane Moore, Georganne Georgeff, Kim Woodard, Kathleen Webb, Donna Swanson, Judy Andrews, Marilyn Crusciel. MONITORS 2. ROW 1: Ginny Henson, Connie Paterson, Beverly Golden. ROW 2: Don Gray, Tom Brown, Cliff Gassett. CUSTODIANS 3. ROW 1: Danny Dahmm, Judy Diak, Rodney Williams, Ron Fisher. ROW 2: Lead man Dave Kessler, John Kipp, Mike Nemeth, Steve Nicanovich. CUSTODIANS 4. ROW 1: Bill Robbins, Tim Barnes, Jeff Kraus, Brian Bellman. ROW 2: Bradley Briggs, Bob Singleton, Michael Beasley, Todd Hoffstutler. CAFFTERIA 5. ROW 1: Debbie LeMaster, Debbie David, Marie Gray, Cindy Whitt, Mable Dacus, Joan Butkovich, Pam Walk. ROW 2: Debbie O'Bear, Sandy Richey, Pat Hartman, Mirian Ozanich, Cheryl Birdsong, Lead lady Debbie Fisher, Elaine Streicher, Joan Stark, Judy Dutko, Cindy Elliott. AIDES 6. ROW 1: Barbara Schmedake, JoAnn Yurko, Sue Palmer, Debbie Passig, ROW 2: Pam Copeland, Sharon Merz, Nelda Sanders, Janet Leith, Karen Conrad. AIDE AND INTERPRETERS 7. Donna Jones, Renee Weidener, Ronda Anderson.









### THE WORKING STAFF OF G.C.H.S.

The MONITORS are here to assure the students of a safe, orderly day while attending school. Each section of our campus is under surveillance by one of the monitors. They all carry walkie-talkies in order to stay informed of other campus happenings. These devices are helpful when assistance is needed quickly. They help prevent fights, tardiness, truancy, smoking, and other infringements of the school rules. The monitors are also there when we have a sweep of our hallways. These sweeps are done in order to cut down on the number of tardy students. The dedication and devotion of these adults is appreciated by everyone.

A few select students attending school require special assistance. Some need help getting on and off the bus, going to and from their classrooms, or with certain elements of their schoolwork. These students receive help from the AIDES at this high school. These fine

classrooms, or with certain elements of their schoolwork. These students receive help from the AIDES at this high school. These fine dutile display a unique characteristic. They hardly ever complain, and in fact they enjoy their work. These special staff members try to keep a strong friendship with their students, and try their best to make them feel good about themselves. Running late and forgot to pack a lunch? Don't worry the CAFETERIAl adies have got you covered. Run out of the house without breakfast? These ladies, who get here before dawn, can take care of that too. A great deal of work goes into preparing two meals a day for nearly 2500 students plus some faculty members. As if preparing the food isn't hard enough, there is all the jobs of collecting money, serving the food, and washing the dishes Of course all this work isn't done by one solitaire lady. There is a whole crew of ladies that device the letting the great. The laded ladie is Dakkis Eichei. that devote their time to our lunch periods. The lead lady is Debbie Fisher.

Have you ever thought about how much work the SECRETARIES do? There are many countless hours of work that include typing.

keeping records and files on important information, answering the telephones, taking messages, and just trying to stay organized. Secretaries arrive at 7:30 A.M. and are usually the last ones to leave the building in the afternoon. They assist students, faculty members, and the administration. They always work very hard to insure that our school days run smoothly.

Mops and brooms are just some of the many cleaning tools that the CUSTODIANS use to make our school environment clean. They

keep the school building, cafeteria, and gym clean during school and for extra-curricular activities.

They are always very busy. Everytime something needs to be repaired or found, someone on the P.A. is calling for a custodian. There are two shifts of workers. The morning shift comes in before school, and leaves when school is dismissed. The evening shift comes in Tight before the morning shift leaves, and they work into the night.

The lead man is David Kessler. He makes sure everything runs smoothly throughout the day and evening.

## DAYS TO REMEMBER



V.I.C.A. member Chet Fine

## **CLUBS**



Quill and Scroll members Sarah Signall, Patrick Mullen, Shaun McKeal, Melanie Gensert, Amy Thomas, Matthew Owca and Mr. Betancourt.



High World members Amanda Crabtree and Steven Houk



Speech and Theatre members Amy Pennell, Natasha Mangiaracino, Kate Jacobs, Sarah Fielding, Steve Mathes, Danny Dixon



Future Secretaries at their meeting.



Photography Club member Jessica Harris





#### STUDENTS HELPING STUDENTS

A.L.P.H.A. Adolescents Learning Positive Health Alternatives. A selected group of upperclass students are chosen to be role models for the freshman class. ALPHA is a nine week program which is taught in the freshman health classes every Friday. Many issues are discussed, such as alcohol, drugs, stress, decision making, peer pressure, gangs, and relationships. Not only are students lectured, they are able to discuss their ideas with the peer leaders. The peer leaders teach the freshman to make the right decisions in difficult situations. Students learn what's right from what's wrong. They also learn how to deal with the peer pressure that faces teenagers today.

The classes are not only very educational but they are very exciting. Students play games and participate in activities to

make the atmosphere more enjoyable.

The ALPHA sponsors are Mr. Michael Johnson, Mr. David Weller, and Miss Ramona Benkert. Each year the sponsors take the new per leaders to a training retreat in Marion, Il. At this retreat students spend two days in seminars to prepare them for their own classroom. The peer leaders are given training and ideas to make their classroom program as successful as possible.

The ALPHA program is a good learning experience for both the students and the peer leaders. It teaches the leaders responsibility. Also, they learn to answer appropriately to difficult questions in pressure situations. The freshman learn that they always have someone older to talk to if they have a problem. It is agreed that ALPHA is a positive learning experience for all who are involved.















1. ROW 1: Jaime Warren, Laurie Bohnenstiehl, Sangeeta Kumar, Mr. Michael Johnson. ROW 2: Mark Dittman, Andrew Oney, Jenna Wright. 2. ROW 1: Kathryn Curran, Ismahan Mohsen, Hillary Aerts. ROW 2: Mr. David Weller, 3. Scott Mills and Sung Hee Suh. 4. Andrew Harris and Bryan Johnson. 5. ROW 1: Tarra Falter and Sarah Fielding. ROW 2: Robert Lampitt, Amanda Solomon, Vincent Willaredt. 6. Steven Houk, Timothy Dittman, Matthew Ely, Daniel Kratzer. 7. Anna Tapp and Amelia Tapp. 8. Michael Hellrich, Amanda Crabtree, Kara Ballew, Melanie Gensert, Rachel Kulasza, Valerie Hankes. 9. Jenna Wright and Melanie Gensert speak with Ramona Benkert.









1. SPEECH & THEATRE: ROW 1: Camille Fensterman, Richard Skirball, Steve Mathes Kate Jacobs. ROW 2: John Mell, Kelly Pithers, Matthew Ely. 2. Amy Pennell, Steve Mathes, Sarah Fielding, 3. ROW 1: Tarra Falter, Sarah Fielding, Amy Krieshok. ROW 2: Laura Nicol and Kimberly Trobaugh. 4. Amanda Solomon and Mrs. Beverley Scroggins. 5. DEBATE: ROW 1: Beverley Scroggins. ROW 2: Susan Gauvin, Robert Shipley, Robert Harris, Sarah Clark, Timothy Owens Jr. 6. ROW 1: Amanda Solomon. ROW 2: Matthew Ely, Joseph Moutria, Tarra Falter, Craig Murphy, Brian Griffith. 7. Karla Williams, Ismahan Mohsen, Felicia Mohsen, Karl Debney.







### ALLOW ME TO RETORT

When people think of competition, sports like football and soccer generally come to mind. Here at GCHS. however, one of the most competitive teams is the debate team

This year's debate team has trained hard each and every day during Ins year's decolite team has trained nard each and every day during fourth hour in order to prepare for competitions held over the weekend. The team has had an outstanding legacy of debating excellence. This year's varsity debaters were Captain Amanda Solomon, Brad Jacob Neidhardt, Tarra Falter, Craig Murphy and Brian Griffith. Mrs. Beverley Scroggins has enjoyed coaching this highly skilled team for the second consecutive year

I expect this debate team to have a great year. At our first tournament we had the varsity and junior varsity champions, and we took both second and third places. This will be a super year,

commented Mrs. Scroggins. commented Mrs. Scroggins.

Captain Amanda Solomon is also very optimistic about the debate team: "Most people don't think of debate as a real competitive high schoole event. However, they would be surprised to know that Granite has always had one of the best teams in the state."

The SPECTA HADT HEATRE club is for all students involved with

debate, individual events, and the acting classes. It is also for students

who are interested in learning more about the theatre. The Speech and Theatre club meets regularly and takes numerous

trips throughout the school year to various plays and stage productions. This year the club attended a performance of the musical MISS SIAGON at the Fox Theatre.

In order to be a voting member of the club and have any say in club matters, points must be accumulated by being involved with National Forensics or National Thespians. They earn these points by either debating or acting in school plays

debating or acting in school plays.

The officers of the Speech and Theatre club are president, Sarah
Fielding; secretary, Amanda Solomon; vice president, Steve Mathes;
and treasurer, Amy Pennell. Mrs. Scroggins is the sponsor of this club as well.

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"Speech and Theatre is a club that brings debate, individual events
and the acting classes into one group with common interests: it's an
umbrella club," said Mrs. Scroggins. "The club attempts to see as
much theatre as possible throughout the year."

Speech and Theatre caters to the interests of students involved in debate, individual events, and acting. The club is involved with all aspects of the three groups, and meets the needs of the students well.





### SPEAKERS OF THE HOUSE

The I.E. class at GCHS is full of students who enjoy public speaking and acting. Every day during fifth hour, the class, taught by Mrs. Beverley Scroggins, meets and practices various speeches and

scenes from selected plays for competition and tournaments.

The initials "I.E." stand for "individual events." Participants in the class compete in thirteen of these events: humorous duet acting, dramatic duet acting, original comedy, impromptu, expository, oratory, prose, verse, humorous interpretation, dramatic interpretation, special occasion, radio and declamation.

The varsity members of the I.E. team include Jacquelin Stille, Kate Jacobs, Jeremy Gutierrez, Steve Mathes, Sarah Fielding, Sarah Johnson, Danny Dixon, Amy Pennell, Ryan Moenster and

Patrick Fyalka. The senior co-captains are Steve Mathes and Kate Jacobs.

Mrs. Beverley Scroggins, who is also sponsor of the I.E. team, was very optimistic for this year's team. "We've won the regional tournament the past two years, and hopefully we'll win it again this year. We have a very young team, so anything is possible." The varsity members were asked to share some of their thoughts about this unique class. They are as follows:

"I.E. is one of the best experiences of my high school career. Thanks to Mrs. Scroggins and I.E., I've

made many great friends and learned a lot."-Steve Mathes

"I have been on the I.E. team since my freshman year, and I have learned many things from being in plays, competing in tournaments, and from Mrs. Scroggins. If it wasn't for the team, I wouldn't be able to stand up in front of anyone or do anything publicly. It has helped my speaking skills and my confidence tremendously."—Kate Jacobs

This is somewhat of a rebuilding year for the I.E. team. We have a very young group of students who are very talented in their own right, and hopefully through the guidance of the varsity members these young students will grow to be a well rounded, highly skilled team."—Jeremy Gutierrez

"There's so much to learn about people that you really get to know them as a team, and that's the effort that counts."-Sarah Fielding

Since I'm planning to major in drama and Mrs. Scroggins is very helpful and supportive, I really have fun and learn a lot in here."-Sarah Johnson

This I.E. is a lot of fun, but it's also hard work. It's gratifying when you do well."--Ryan Moenster "Individual Events is swell and fun. I've made swell new pals, and learned some groovy stuff."-Danny Dixon

"I love I.E. It's like one big, happy family. It has been a very rewarding experience, and I look forward to another two years in here."-Amy Pennell









1. Individual Events: Varsity ROW 1: Ryan Moenster, Steve Mathes, Jeremy Gutierrez, Danny Dixon. ROW 2: Mrs. Beverley Scroggins. ROW 3: Amy Pennell, Sarah Fielding, Kate Jacobs, Sarah Johnson. 2. I.E. Captains Steve Mathes, Kate Jacobs. 3. Emily Halvachs, Natasha Mangiaracino, Hilary Martin, Laura Nicol, Jamie Schueren, Scott Mills. 4. Kelly Pithers, Amy Krieshok, Richard Skirball, David Wright, John Mell. 5. Lindsay Lerch, Justin Meagher, Camille Fensterman, Jennifer May. 6. ROW 1: Stephanie Arbogast, Eva Meyer. ROW 2: Jay Scott Laird Jr., Gretchen Gieson, Thomas Petrillo.





### LENDING A HELPING HAND

Teenagers are often faced with many problems and situations dealing with stress and pressure during their high school years. Often, students cannot deal with these problems alone. With the help of a friend, the problems may seem smaller and easier to solve.

Empathy is a peer-helper program full of friends coming together to solve problems. Members of Empathy are there to give the other high school students advice on combating drugs and any other problems students

may face while in high school.

The members of Empathy are a group of students who are trained to help others. Training provides the members with skills and knowledge to make them more effective as listeners. The members learn to understand their own feelings as well as the feelings of others. Empathy is a very close group. They are always there for each other and are given the opportunities to provide help and support for their classmates.

Empathy is sponsored by the guidance counselors Ms. Ramona Benkert and Mr. Michael Johnson. Mr. Johnson has been a sponsor of Empathy since the club's first year in 1987. This is Ms. Benkert's first year as both a Counselor and a sponsor of Empathy. These two sponsors are always eager to help and offer any advice that they can.

The requirements of belonging to Empathy are that the students must keep their grades up, attend school regularly, and stay out of trouble. They must promise to be drug and alcohol free and respect the privacy of others.

Every year all students in Empathy go on a retreat. This retreat is usually held in Pickneyville, Illinois, at Camp Salbateska. At this retreat they receive further training on skills used to help others. Also, the students get a chance to meet Empathy members from other schools. The retreat also gives the Empathy members time to really get to know each other and form ever-lasting friendships.

Empathy is here to help others with decision making, coping with peer pressure, and to make the high school better for everyone. Empathy gives every student a chance to have someone who is always ready to listen and offer any advice needed.









1. Ms. Ramona Benkert and Mr. Michael Johnson, advisors. 2. ROW 1: Elizabeth Weatherly, Karla Pieper. ROW 2: Christopher Zimmer, Carrie Crockett, Jamie Briggs. 3. ROW 1: Lindsay Heath, Cheyenne Modglin, Stephanie Feltmeyer. ROW 2: Ricky Woodard, Kelly Pieper, Sarah Kuhn, Jenee Harper. ROW 3: Joel Knowlton, Tanya Darragh. 4. Karla Pieper, Kelly Pieper, Sarah Kuhn, Lindsay Heath, Cheyenne Modglin, 5. Christopher Zimmer, Elizabeth Weatherly, Joel Knowlton. 6. Empathy members line up to sell fundraisers.





### OUR ENVIRONMENT

The Environment Club is one of the more active clubs at the high school. The club does many things around our school and community to keep our part of the world more enjoyable and beautiful

The two sponsors of this club are Richard Skirball, who is a guidance counselor, and Lois Dumey who is a science teacher. The officers for the 96-97 school year are President Amanda Solomon; Vice President, Rachel Kulasza; Treasurer, Melanie Gensert; and Secretary, Andrea Poiter.

As the years pass, the Environmental Club becomes more active to help save our earth. This year they plan to participate in many activities. Their major project that they undertake each year is recycling paper. Last year they recycled 17,970 pounds of paper. This is equivalent to saving 1,057 trees from being cut.

Other projects that the club participates in are the Treehouse Foundation, Outdoor Classroom, Stash the Trash and their homecoming parade float. Last year, they donated and will continue to take care of the tree that was dedicated to former assistant principal, Linda Green.

There are many new projects that the Environmental Club would like to undertake this year. One of the projects is cleaning and planting new flowers in the area in front of Memorial Gymnasium as a spring work project. They also plan to redo the landscaping around the flampole in the front of the school.

The Environment Club sells tee-shirts each year to help raise funds for their activities and field trips that take place throughout the year. This club also buys educational video tapes for the Science Department. Previous places visited by the club as field trips were the Busch Wildlife Center and Tyson Research Center & Wolf Sanctuary.

The club invites anyone who is interested in preserving our world to join. They hope that you will make your contribution to keep our earth a more pleasant place to live.















1. ROW 1: Sarah Fielding, Shelene Scarborough, Meleea Dickerman, ROW 2: Joseph Herman, John Mell. ROW 3: Kristie Ross and Emily Worthen 2. ROW 1: Rusty Ford, Rachel Mefford, Lisa Watkins, Robert Crane, ROW 2: Courtney Blind, Jessica Mefford, Sung Hee Suh, Susan Light, Amy Moran, ROW 3: Rebecca Gehilen, Kara Rupcinski, Rebeca Mueller, Robert Harris, Joshua Mefford and Lisa Dillard. 3: ROW 1: Eva Meyer, Kelly Potter, ROW 2: Amanda Crabiree, Stephania Arbogast, Valerie Henson, ROW 3: Holly Spahn and Tabitha Soechig, 4: ROW 1: Sabrina Warden, Carrie Crockett, ROW 2: Brenda Fritzeche, Jessica Doty, Jamie Brigs, etc. Reiter, Julie Burnett, Karen McClelland, ROW 2: Danielle Stern, Natasha Gregg, Christopher Sumpter, Rebecca Bargiel, Alexandra Krinski. ROW 3: Tarra Falter, Christie Belles, Traci Manis, John Stordah III, Amy Thomas, ROW 4: Amy Skalsky, Carmen Richardson, Bethany Georgeff, Anthony Evans, Steven Houk, Mindy Staggs, 6: ROW 1: Stephanie Peltmeyer, Jennfer May, Megan Francis, Decane Stern, Row 2: Cheyenne Modglin, Crystal Brown, Sasha Temple, Sarah Kuhn, Sara Baxter, Jenee Harper, Samantha Butter, Jacquelin Barron, 7: ROW 1: Mrs. Lois Dumey, ROW 2: Dr. Richard Skriball, Andrea Poiter, Amanda Solomon, Melanie Gensert, 8: ROW 1: Andrea Davis, Melissa Nelson, ROW 2: Steven Mennemeyer, Jeremy Gutierrez, Kristin Sollberger, ROW 8: Lindsay Heath, Ricky Woodard, 9. ROW 1: Amy Goskie, Jane Signall, Cynthia Growa, Jessica Harris, Sarah Signall, ROW 2: Steven Mathes and Patrick Mullen.



1. ROW 1: Steven Kirkpatrick and Sarah Kirkpatrick. ROW 2: Robert Mathenia and Timothy Kirkpatrick. ROW 3: Michael Dahmm. 2. ROW 1: Jimmy Rickert, Steven Elliott, Jeremy Stone, Jennifer O'Bear, Valerie Hankes, Amanda Colwell. ROW 2: Dustin Rieger, Michael Summers, Richard Koerper, Andrew Dresch. 3. ROW 1: Joshua Burkett, Kristen Taylor, Jennifer Garner, Kara Trucks, ROW 2: Patrick Thomas, Kristina Trucks, Stacey Wampler, Karla Williams, Angie Thomas. 4. Kimberly Greer, Melanie Gensert, Jenna Wright, Andrew Harris, Stacey Baker, Valerie Hankes, and Ms. Laura Mannisi. 5. ROW 1: Gregory Brimer, Katie Smith, Melanie Gensert. ROW 2: Colin Anderson, Madrigal Vorce, Rebekah McGuire, Kelly Pithers. 6. ROW 1: Melanie England, Stacey Baker, Jodi Boone. ROW 2: Lyndsay Davis, Megan Solomon, Amanda Solomon. ROW 3: Jenna Wright, William Kee, Andrew Harris, Janelle Hankes.











## THE FELLOWSHIP

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes is a club which is different than most of the clubs at the high school. The club's main focus is solving different problems. The problems many of us are likely to face during our school years, and FCA tries to solve these problems in a Christian way. The club members of FCA gather into a huddle at each meeting to discuss different topics. Granite City's huddle is just one of many that can be found all over the United States in high schools, colleges, and middle schools. Our huddle is part of the Branch Rickey Chapter which is made up of all of the groups in the St. Louis area.

The officers for the 96-97 school year are President, Andrew Harris; Vice President, Steven Elliot; and Secretary/Treasurer, Melanie England.

FCA meets every other Monday at one of the members homes. At meetings they discuss many different topics. Some are sports related and others are not. When discussing these topics, passages are read from the Bible. From these passages, members understand the solution to their problem from a Christian view point.

Some of the activities which FCA will be participating in this year are Thanksgiving baskets for the needy, Christmas caroling, and gym nights. Every year there is a Kickoff Banquet held at Fischer's in Belleville. All of the huddles in the St. Louis area are represented. There are other activities which are sponsored by the Branch Rickey Chapter each year. The Holiday Rally is held at a local high school around Christmas. Three conferences are held at different times during the year. Both the boys and the girls conferences are held in the spring. The final one is the Huddle Leadership Conference which is attended each year by the officers of each huddle. All three of these are weekend trips held in Cuba. Missouri.

FCA is a nondenominational organization which centers its discussions around God and His part in our daily lives. They welcome anyone who is interested in joining and those who are just curious.



### GRACIAS / DANKA

Foreign Language Club was established for students who are interested in learning about foreign cultures and customs. Spanish and German are the two foreign language classes that are taught here at Granite City High School. Mr. Church, Mrs. Larsen, and Ms. Williams are the Spanish teachers. Mrs. Schardan is the German teacher.

The sponsor of the club is Mr. Church. He has been the sponsor for ten years. The officers that assist Mr. Church are President Anthony Evans, Vice President Sung Hee Suh. Secretary Shelene Scarborough, and Treasurer

Andrea Poiter.

The club participated in many activities this year. At the beginning of the year the club sold Christmas gifts and decorations to raise money for the club. They used this money to buy A.V. equipment for the Foreign Language Department. The club also participated in Immersion Day. Immersion Day is a day when the students must speak Spanish, and are not allowed to speak English. Students enjoy this day because they can use the Spanish they have learned. The club went on a field trip in December to hear Australian music. In the month of March the club promoted Foreign Language Week.

This is one of the few clubs at the high school which teaches its members about cultures and societies that differ from ours. Not only do these students learn, but they also inform the student body about these things.













1. Sponsor Dennis Church. 2. Sung Hee Suh, Andrea Poiter, Shelene Scarborough. 3. Nancy Ellington and Melanie England. 4. ROW 1: Sung Hee Suh, Andrea Poiter, Shelene Scarborough. ROW 2: Admanda Solomon, Brenda Fritzsche, and Rachel Kulaza. 5. ROW 1: Karla Williams. ROW 2: Melissa Nelson, Natasha Gregg, Carla Shehorn. ROW 3: Steven Mennemeyer, Steven Houk, Joseph Herman. 6. Anthony Evans. 7. ROW 1: Charles Stepanek and Gregory Meyer. Row 2: Vincent Willaredt. ROW 3: Chad Kleindorfer, Jeffery Stowell, Christopher Fraley.



#### FUTURE PROFESSIONALS

The FUTURE HEALTH & MEDICAL OCCUPATIONS CLUB is open to students who are interested in nursing or related medical professions. Primarily, the club helps teenagers learn how to perform basic life saving procedures that can help them in the future. They also have speakers come and talk about different occupations in the medical field.

The sponsor of the club is Mrs. June Oney. She helps members learn more about nursing and medicine. Her students and her student's futures are her first priority.

The president of the club is Jacquelin Stille. "The Future Medical and Health Occupations Club is very exciting and educational. We take a variety of field trips and we learn new things. We also have a great time getting familiar with the medical aspects of life," stated Jacquelin.

Every year club members go on several field trips. To raise money for the trips, the students sell candy and buttons during Homecoming Week.

If nursing or medicine is the kind of profession that you would like to pursue in the future, the Future Health and Medical Occupations Club is the club to join.

The FUTURE SECRETARY ASSOCIATION is an organization for students that are interested in pursuing a career in the secretarial field. This organization is not just about the tasks that secretaries perform, it also helps students learn how to present themselves and to be organized and successful in the business world.

Every third Monday of the month the organization has a meeting. They have many different guest speakers help prepare the members for interviews, future job situations, and self-defense techniques.

If you want to learn how to be a success and at the same time meet new people and make new friends, then this is the club for you. The sponsors are Linda Haddox and Georganne Georgeff. The president is Kate Jacobs, vice president Jamie Wood, and treasurer Holly Pasco.











FUTURE SECRETARIES: 1. ROW 1: Holly Pascoe, Jodie Tallent, Nickie Gale, Kate Jacobs, Nicole Patrick, Jamie Wood. ROW 2: Beth Feenstra, Lisa Badgett, Daniel Timko, Eric Mooshegian, Melissa Skinner, Melissa Smith, Jennifer Earon, Lori O'Bear. 2. ROW 1: Holly Pascoe, Kate Jacobs, Nicole Patrick. ROW 2: Jodie Tallent, Nickie Gale, Jamie Wood. 3. Club Sponsors Linda Haddox and Georganne Georgeff.

FUTURE NURSES: 4. ROW 1: Kelly Pithers and Jacquelin Stille. ROW 2: Andrew Oney, Anthony Evans, Paul Williams. ROW 3: Kara Rupcinski, Rebecca Gehling, Jamie Schueren. 5. ROW 1: Jaclyn Nail and Tamara Weston. ROW 2: Jennifer Merz, Kathleen Curtain, Racheal Kalogerou. ROW 3: Julia Murphy, Michelle Gall, Mrs. June Oney, Kristina Trucks. 6. ROW 1: Sasha Temple, Samantha Butler, Jennifer Hagler. ROW 2: Kristie Ross, Vanessa Vangel, Jenee Harper, Stephanie Stanfill, Danielle York.





## TEACHER'S PET

The Future Educators of America Club is a fairly new club at Granite City High School. This is the third year for the club. Mrs. Mary Dame and Ms. Denise Albrecht are the sponsors of the club. The students that are in this club want to learn about new teaching methods and the skills that it requires to be a teacher.

The officers elected this year were President Šalina Morlen, Vice President Shelly Leach, Secretary Tarra Falter, Treasurer Amanda Supp, and Historian Kelly Pieper. The officers hold their meetings on the first Wednesday of every month. The club has approximately thirty members. All of the members are expected to participate in the club activities.

The main objective of the Future Educators Club is teaching Business Basics. One day for one hour a week, members go to an elementary school to teach a basic economic unit to a class. Members go to kindergarten through fourth grade classes. All the members look forward to visiting the students and showing them new information.

The sponsors contact speakers to come and inform the club of different opportunities in the teaching field. Several speakers came to meetings during the year. They were very informative and helped members make decisions about their futures.

Another project the group takes part in is supplying children who have parents in jail Christmas presents. Each member brings a present they bought themselves and the club distributes the presents to the children. The students plan on having a pizza party as a reward for their hard work.

If you think you would like a career in teaching, then joining the Future Educators of America Club would give you a head start in your future employment.







1. ROW 1: Amber Giese, Michael Rudy, Kelly Pieper. Row 2: Christopher Stevens, Stephen Snyder. 2. Rebecca Besserman, Pamela Krupco, Kristin Ribbing, Jessica Tyson, Angela Potter. 3. Amanda Taylor, Samantha Butler, Amy Bowen, Marissa Cox. 4. Amanda Supp, Tarra Falter, Salina Morlen, Shelly Leach. 5. Christine Spudich, Dimana Spudich, Sponsor Mary Dame, Sponsor Denise Albright, Joshua Duffield.









1. Steven Houk. 2. Kelly Pieper. 3. Marcella Noud and Danielle Stern. 4. Kelly Brantley. 5. Michael Rudy, Lisa Dillard, David Pritchett. 6. Stephen Snyder and Patrick Mullen. 7. Valerie Henson and Advisor Antonio Betancourt. 8. Shannon Bishop, Jessica Huniak and Natasha Gregg. 9. Amanda Crabtree, Dennis Beasley, Tabitha Soechtig.











### ADVANCED JOURNALISM

Sporting events, school dances, renovations, students of the month, band concerts, field trips, prom, graduation. With so much going on at GCHS, it can often be hard to keep up with current events. Thankfully, GCHS has its very own publication to keep its students up to par with all the latest happenings: the Granite High World.

Every day the Granite High World staff works dilligently in order to create a newspaper that looks correct and reads professionally. Advanced Journalism students research topics, conduct interviews, take photographs, and write stories that are relevant to the student body.

In addition to the standard news and sports sections, the Granite High World also includes Opinion and Feature articles, in which students present information on everything from recent school improvements to censorship. These sections also frequently include concerts, horoscopes, letters to the editors, reviews, and present alterest to the editors, reviews, and present profiles on individual students at GCHS. The traditional Senior Edition always contains the classic "Senior Will & Testament" and stories focusing on the graduating students. In addition, the Granite High World includes Cub Editions, produced by the beginning journalism class.

Advanced Journalism is a class which demands a variety of skills. The students must write stories and take photographs, then transcribe their work to computers, using the GCHS print shop to create "Half Tones" of the photographs.

The co-editors of the 96-97 Granite High World staff were Amanda Crabtree and Danielle Stern. Mr. Antonio Betancourt has advised the paper for more than 10 years.

Advanced Journalism is not an easy course, but the completion of a newspaper is very rewarding when students create something which can inform and entertain so many.









1. VARSITY: ROW 1: Kenneth Knott, Todd McOueen, Anthony Evans, Robert Harris, Lester Grobe, David Svezia, Matt Freeze. ROW 2: Coach Mike Scannell, Christopher Hatfield, Mikal Guffey, Brian Johnson, David Miskelley, Gregory Sarich, Vincent Whittenburg. ROW 3: Leonard Wilson, Robert Pritchard, Michael Angle, Dustin Wesley, Ty Suhre, Bryan Loftus. 2. JUNIOR VARSITY: ROW 1: Lester Grobe, Kyle Hensley, Gregory Sarich, Matt Freeze, Timothy Knowlton, Clayton Warren, Kenneth Knott. ROW 2: William Ficor, Gregory Boyer, John Stordahl, David Svezia, Matthew Salzman, Jason Eaton, Robyn Slater. ROW 3: Coach David Young, Mark Moseley, Vincent Whittenburg, Ryan Evans, Dustin Wesley, Ty Suhre, Coach Gary Brown. 3. ROW 1: Stephanie Brake, Timothy Knowlton, Jennifer Malady. ROW 2: Katie Lathrop, Mark Moseley, William Cahill. 4. ROW 1: Kyle Hensley. ROW 2: Emily Vance, Emily Novosel, Kelly Sparks, Joi NcNeish, Emily Douglas. ROW 3: Sara Clark, Lauren Miller. 5. ROW 1: Lauren Huckaby, Kathlynn Scherner. ROW 2: Kyle Hensley, Sponsor Donna Lobdell, Leonard Wilson. 6. JUNIOR VARSITY CHEERLEADERS: ROW 1: Emily Vance, Sara DeCourcy, Lauren Miller, Joi McNeish, Catherine DeCourcy. ROW 2: Stephanie Brake, Emily Douglas, Jessica Partney, Sarah Clark, Jennifer Malady, Katie Lathrop. ROW 3: Coach Karen DeCourcy, Coach Susie Scannell. V. VARSITY CHEERLEADERS: ROW 1: Barbie Schannot, Julie Sansone, Jamie Hendrickson. ROW 2: Kelly Sparks, Emily Novosel, Melissa Skinner, Kathlynn Schermer, Jacquelin Stille. ROW 3: Coach Debra Wilson. 8. ROW 1: Matthew Salzman, Clayton Warren, Leonard Wilson, ROW 2: Anthony Evans, Michael Angle, Stephanie Ambuehl. 9. ROW 1: Jacquelin Stille, Kara Coleman. ROW 2: Kathlynn Schermer, Julie Sansone, Lauren Huckaby, Shannon Yurcisin. 10. ROW 1: Christopher Sumpter, Robert Meszaros. ROW 2: Angela Lobdell, Melissa Skinner, Robert Harris, Dustin Wesley. 11. ROW 1: Susan Baker, Sara Halbrook, ROW 2: Robert Meszaros, Mark Moseley, John Stordahl, Lester Grobe.



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# STARS ON ICE

A new sport with rising popularity at Granite City High School is hockey. More fans are attending the games, more players are trying out for the teams, and the hockey club is growing larger.

This year's hockey teams have new coaches. The new Varsity coach this year is Mike Scannell. The new Junior Varsity coaches this year are David Young and Gary Brown. The cheerleader coaches this year are Karen DeCourcy and Susie Scannell. The sponsor for the Hockey Club is Ms. Donna Lobdell. This is her third year as the sponsor of the club.

The Hockey Club holds many fund raisers to support the team and the club. The club holds a chicken and beverage dance and they also sold tacos.

The individuals in charge of the many aspects of hockey put in many hours of their time to make the program a success. The team was dominant in their division, the cheerleaders were some of the best in the area, and the club was a major source of support for the team. Because of the accomplishments of the members of the hockey program, it has become a popular attraction, both to participants and fans.





## OUR SCHOLARS

The National Honor Society is an honorary club for students who excel in academics and community service. This organization has four main qualities that they look for in their members. These qualities are scholarship, leadership, junior or senior students must maintain a 4.25 grade point average and be willing to participate in activities, which not only benefit the school but also the community.

The sponsors of the National Honor Society are Mary Perductor pand Andrew Yurko. The officers for this year are Co-Presidents Sangeeta Kumar and Amanda Solomon, Vice President Cynthia Gorka, Secretary Susan Light, and Treasurer Valerie Henson. The sponsors and the officers plan many activities throughout the year for the members, that prove not only to be funbut rewarding. NHS works with many great organizations such as the American Cancer Society, the United Way, and the H.O.M.E. Foundation. Many of the fun filled activities in which the club is involved in are the D.A.R.E. Drug Free by 2000 festival, spooking people in the "Haunted Barn" at Relleke's Farm, and working for the American Cancer Society in a "Jail-N-Bail."

Collecting money for the United Way is a mandatory project for members of NHS. Another of the clubs biggest causes in which it takes pride in helping is the H.O.M.E Foundation. The members help renovate an old house so that a less fortunate family may live there and pay rent, which goes into an escrow account, until they have saved enough to pay a down payment on a house of their own. The organization also sponsors a foster child, Abraham, from the Dominican Republic. Each month money is collected from the members and it is then sent to Abraham and his community.

National Honor Society is a great organization which not only benefits our school, but also the community. They volunteer their free time to help others.















1. ROW 1: Melanie Gensert, Andrew Oney, Eric Edwards. ROW 2: Amelia Oney, Eric Edwards, ROW 2: Amena Tapp, Kyle Briggs, Robert Lampitt. 2. Officers: ROW 1: Amanda Solomon and Sangeeta Kumar. ROW 2: Cyn-thia Gorka, Susan Light, Valerie Henson. 3. ROW 1: Amanda Supp, Andrea Poiter, Shelene Scarborough. ROW 2: Tonna Druhe, Jamie Murray, Melissa Hammond, Amber Giese. ROW 3: Ryan Relleke, Elizabeth McKechan, Steven Sander. 4. ROW 1: Krislyn Niggli. ROW 2: Douglas Mueller, John Mills, Nicholas Huniak. ROW 3: Chad Kleindorfer, Anthony Evans, Matthew Ely, Steven Houk. 5. ROW 1: Andrew Harris, Jaime Mertz, Brenda Fritzsche. ROW 2: Christopher Fraley, David Thompson, Heather Mell, Connie Meyers. 6. ROW 1: Carla Shehorn, Christie Belles, Lori O'Bear. ROW 2: Brad Neidhardt, Mark Dittman, Paul Williams. 7. ROW 1: Rachel Kulasza, Jamie Dellbringge, Amanda Crabtree. ROW 2: Justina York, Vincent Willaredt, Kara Ballew. 8. Melanie Gensert discusses future activities with advisor Mrs. Perdue Tapp. 9. Advisor Andrew Yurko.









PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB: 1. ROW 1: Jessica Harris. ROW 2: Kathryn Cooper, Amy Thomas, Cynthia Gorka. ROW 3: Courtney Blind, Jenna Wright, Jeffrey Hoenig, Kristin Sollberger. 2. Melanie Gensert, Sarah Signall, Kimberly Greer. 3. Amelia Tapp, Matthew Owca, Patrick Mullen. 4. Christine Spudich, Dimana Spudich, Hollie Wright. 5. Angela Nance, Dawn Slone, Amanda Barr. QUILL & SCROLL: 6. Kristin Sollberger, Matt Owca, Amy Thomas, Kimberly Greer, Cynthia Gorka. 7. Kathryn Cooper, Jenna Wright, Sarah Signall, 8. Lisa Dillard, Danielle Stern, Michael Rudy, Amanda Crabtree. 9. Shaun McKeal, Valerie Henson, Courtney Blind. 10. Jessica Huniak, Mr. Betancourt, Michael Hellrich, Dennis Beasley, Steven Houk, Shelene Scarborough, Marcella Noud, Melissa Smith. 11. Amelia Tapp, Jessica Harris, Patrick Mullen, Melanie Gensert.















#### MIGHTY PEN & CONQUERING CAMERA

QUILL AND SCROLL is an honorary club for high school journalists. The requirements to become a member of the club are for students to be ranked in the top one-third of their class, be an active member of the Warrior yearbook staff or High World newspaper staff, and have a recommendation from the advisor.

The club was established on April 10, 1926 to encourage and reward individual achievements in the field of journalism. Funds for field trips are raised through various fundraisers and High World sales. This year the club took a field trip to the Concordia Publishing House and Fox Theatre.

The club sponsor is Mr. Antonio Betancourt. The officers for this school year are President Danielle Stern, Vice President Lisa Dillard, and Secretary Patrick Mullen.

The PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB is for students showing an interest in photography. Traditionally, the club sells carnations for the holidays. The carnations are sold for Hallowen, Christmas, Valentines Day, and St. Patrick's Day. The money earned from the sales goes toward film and camera equipment for school.

The club sponsor is D.P. Spudich. The officers for the 1996-1997 school year are President Amelia Tapp. Vice Presidents Jessica Harris and Melanie Gensert, Secretary Courtney Blind, and Treasurer Kathryn Cooper.



### SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT

Here at Granite City High School, there are many clubs and activities to participate in. One of the more popular clubs, Red Peppers, is geared toward promoting school and community spirit. Members range from 9th to 12th grad-

Throughout the year, Red Peppers are involved in many projects to help GCHS. They make the hoops the athletes jump through at the beginning of all soccer, basketball, and volleyball events. Red Peppers also have secret pals for the senior athletes. This involves decorating their designated pal's locker, and uplifting the athletes spirit by sending them candy and gifts. Also, they sell candy and other seasonal items to raise money for many community organizations.

Two of the main groups the Red Peppers assist are the Animal Protection Agency and the Womans Crisis Center. The A.P.A. helps homeless and battered animals, and the W.C.C. helps abused women of Granite City.

This has been Janet Williams' tenth year sponsoring the Red Peppers. This club has always attracted a fairly large crowd; this year there are 114 members. Officers for the Red Peppers during the 1996-1997 school year are President Laura Crites, Vice-President Katie Curan, Treasurer Leanna Struberg, and Secretary Amy Cox.

While your education is the most important aspect of your academic career, so is school spirit. All students are urged to participate in Red Peppers and show their pride for Granite City High School.







1. ROW 1: Laura Sabol, Alisha Kleuskens, Mary Martinez, Lisa Sabol. ROW 2: Kathlynn Schermer, Kelly Sparks, Emily Novosel, Lea Haddix. ROW 3: Lindsay Miller, Elizabeth Rooney, April Jordan, Lyn Harper, Dawn Staggs, Heather Epperson, Patrice Howell, Niccole Wania, Megan Curran. 2. Steve Moss and Ms. Williams. 3. ROW 1: Melanie Schwendemann, Amy Moran, Jessica Bladdick, Renee Bivens, Valerie Henson. ROW 2: Amy Brown, Kristin Ribbing, Carla Venne, Dennetta Boyd, Julie Sansone, Melissa Smith. 4. ROW 1: Susan Baker, Peggy Hammond, Christina Brand, Amy Pennell, Sara Halbrook, Emily Halvachs, Stephanie Feltmeyer. ROW 2: Amanda Brasfield, Angela Brown, Martha Day, Carissa Ridenour, Jennifer Malady, Sarah Kuhn, Lindsay Heath, Heather Epperson.



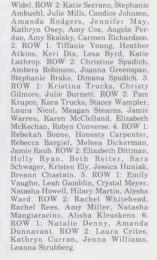






1. ROW 1: Linda Dohnal, Katie Forrester, Jessica Stratman, Emily Richardson, Lauren McCauley, Monica











#### FIGHTING DRUNK DRIVING

S.A.D.D., which stands for students against drunk driving, is one of the most important clubs here at GCHS. Driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol is one of the leading causes of teenage deaths in America.

Students in the S.A.D.D. program go out of their way to promote safe driving for fellow Granite High members. During October they sell carnations for red ribbon week. During red ribbon week they attempt to make students aware of the dangers of drugs and alcohol.

Also, during October, the S.A.D.D. members had a float in the homecoming parade. Their float promoted safe driving and school spirit.

During the spring, the S.A.D.D. club goes to a conference in Collinsville. At the conference, the club members learn about the effects of drinking and driving. They also are able to drive a simulator that seems as if the driver is drunk.

In the years past, the S.A.D.D. club has been rather small. However, this year the amount of members has gone from fifteen to sixty. The large number of club members proves students here at GCHS are concerned for their friends and their personal safety.

S.A.D.D. officers for the "96-97" school year are President Anthony Evans, Vice-President Valerie Henson, and Secretary/Treasurer Amy Goodrich.

Sponsors for the S.A.D.D. program are Gary Storm and Bruce Frank. The sponsors and club members encourage students that are interested in the S.A.D.D. program to contact one of the sponsors.

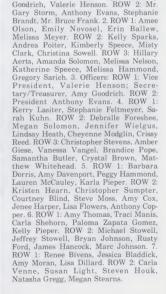






1. ROW 1: Melanie England, Amy













YOUNG AUTHORS: 1. Ed Whittleman, Charles Nagy, Brian Bogovich, Allyson McDowell, Laura Sullivan. 2. Jeffrey Stowell, Alesha Scherffius, Katie Smith, Holly Spahn. 3. ROW 1: Rebekah McGuire, Carla Shehorn, Deanna Smith, ROW 2: Cara Nighohossian, Crissy Reed, Misty Lewis, Lanese Griffith, Madrigal Vorce. SCHOLAR BOWL: 4. ROW 1: Melissa Nelson and Karla Williams. ROW 2: Jeffrey Ahlers, Breann Chastain, Julie Mills, Cory Simpson. 5. Stephanie Feltmeyer, Andrew Ravanelli, Sara Phillips. 6. Timothy Dittman, Vincent Willaredt, Timothy Kirkpatrick, Brenda Fritzsche. 7. ROW 1: Sarah Fielding, Joseph Herman, Kathryn Cooper. ROW 2: Chad Kleindorfer, Amanda Solomon, Amelia Tapp.









### TWO ELITE CLUBS

The SCHOLAR BOWL team is made up of students chosen to represent the Granite City High School students with above average intelligence. They compete in areas such as science, mathematics, history, and

literature. The members of the team work hard to participate each year. The Scholar Bowl team is made up of two squads: a varsity and junior varsity. They compete and practice separately. The junior varsity team is made up of freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. The varsity team is made up of juniors and seniors.

The captains of the varsity team are Chad Kleindorfer and Brenda Fritzsche. The junior varsity captains are Jeffrey Ahlers and Cory Simp-

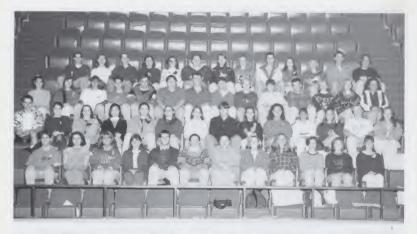
The coaches of the club are Mrs. Amy Alsop and Mr. Tim Wilson. They work hard to prepare the students for competitions. Mr. Wilson and Mrs. Alsop have taught the students to be proud of the team and it's accom-

The YOUNG AUTHORS CLUB at GCHS is a club where students can express their writing capabilities. The club is made up of young and enthusiastic writers who enjoy sharing their literary works with each other and the school

The president of the club is Jeff Stowell. The members of the club write weekly essays. The essays are then edited and put in "The Student Voice." "The Student Voice" is a book that is put together by the club members. It consists of poetry, prose, and essays. Students that are not in the club can submit literature pieces to be in "The Student Voice."

The sponsors for the club are Ms. Laura Sullivan and Mr. Ed Whittleman. This is Ms. Sullivan's first year as a sponsor for the club. Ms. Sullivan says that she enjoys working with the members. She also has the responsibility of helping them with their club activities.

This club should be congratulated for their hard work and devotion. Publishing "The Student Voice" is a difficult task and is something that they should be proud of.





SENIORS 1. ROW 1: Patrick Mullen, Rachel Kulasza, Amanda Crabtree, Kara Ballew, Timothy Goskie, Jaime Dellbringge, Cassandra Hagopian, Lisa Watkins, Rachel Mefford, Jessica Harris, Cynthia Gorka, Krislyn Niggli. ROW 2: Anthony Evans, Melanie Gensert, Andrea Poiter, Sung Hee Suh, Amanda Solomon, Stephanie Arbogast, Eva Meyer, Jeremy Gutierrez, Dana Callender, Jaime Mertz, Christy Gilmore, Karen McClelland, Matthew Ely, Justina York. ROW 3: Danielle York, Shelly Leach, Douglas Mueller, Christopher Fraley, Chad Kleindorfer, Charles Stepanek, Vincent Willaredt, Christopher Ousley, Sarah Signall, John Mills, Gregory Meyer, Tabitha Soechtig, Lisa Dillard, Natasha Gregg, ROW 4: Steven Mennemeyer, Danielle Stern, Steven Houk, Susan Light, Jacquelin Stille, Shannon Bishop, Gina Gordon, Stephanie Smith, Jeffrey Stowell, Carla Shehorn, Olivia Holloway, Timothy Kirkpatrick, Robert Mathenia. JUNIORS 2. ROW 1: Kathryn Cooper, Sarah Fielding, David Williams Jr., Joseph Herman, Jacquelin Papp, Jennifer Wielgus, Megan Solomon, Jenee Harper, Meleea Dickerman, Samantha Butler, Kristie Ross, Crystal Brown, Brandice Pope, Joshua Bishop. ROW 2: Jay Laird Jr., Kara Rupcinski, Rebecca Mueller, Leah Patton, Alan Schmedeman, Jessica Doty, Carrie Crockett, Jamie Briggs, Steven Mennemeyer, Melissa Nelson, Robyn Converse, Jennifer Dallas, Brandi Barton, Samantha Loyet. ROW 3: Kristin Sollberger. Andrea Davis, Robert Harris, Tarra Falter, Kimberly Greer, Jeffrey Klee, Casey Ashby, Melissa Skinner, Melissa Meyer, Erin Ballew, Courtney Blind, Rebecca Gehling, Pamela Gerlach, Jeffrey Modrusic. 3. Mrs. Amy Heath speaks with Gregory Meyer and Stephanie Ambuehl about future events. 4. Members sign up to work at the Haunted Barn. 5. Mrs. Amy Heath rides on the Homecoming float. OFFICERS 6. ROW 1: Jeffrey Klee, Jaime Mertz, Vincent Willaredt. ROW 2: Tarra Falter, Stephanie Ambuehl, Mrs. Amy Heath, Amanda Solomon. 7. Members of the Science Club put the finishing touches on their Homecoming float.











# SAUSAGE AND CHEESE

One of the more environmentally conscious clubs at our school is the Science Club. It is also one of the largest and most active at GCHS. The club this year consists of around three hundred and fifty members. The members are involved in many activities over the course of the year. These activities not only benefit the environment, but also the students.

The sponsor, Mrs. Amy Heath, has taken the time to show that she cares about the world and those growing up in it. She has done a wonderful job for the past three years. This year she will be helped by the newly elected 1996-1997 Officers: Jaime Mertz, President; Jeffrey Klee, Junior Vice President; Stephanie Ambuehl, Sophomore Vice President; Amanda Solomon, Secretary: Tarra Falter, Treasurer; Vincent Willaredt, Historian.

Membership consists of students who are in a science class that want to be involved in the many great activities in which the club participates. Students have to pay a one dollar dues to be a member. The club also rewards those who are more active by rewarding activity points. The more activity points a member has, they have a better chance of going on field trips or outings, since only a certain number of members are allowed to go.

The Science Club kicks off their year by working in the Haunted Barn at Relleke's Farm in October. The club also builds a float each year for the Homecoming Parade. They won first place for the float they built in 1995. There is only one fund raiser the Science Club has: the sale of sausage and cheese in November. Eagle watching during the end of winter at Pere Marquette is also another event members participate in. The club also helps out Mitchell School at their science fair. Since this activity is usually around Halloween, members dress up in costumes and help the younger children with science experiments and activities. The club also helps Mr. Pinnell at the outdoor classroom at Lake School.

Aside from all these beneficial activities, there are many fun things the club does. The club goes on a hayride at Mills Apple Farm, they go on a winter hike in March, and they end the year by going on a camp-out in May.





1. SOPHOMORES: ROW 1: Colin Anderson, Jamie Fields, Bryan Whited, Michael Stowell, Christina Brand, Peggy Hammond, Michael Angle, Stephanie Ambuehl, Katherine Thornton, Jane Signall, Amanda Pashea, Linda Dohnal, Mrs. Amy Heath. ROW 2: Shannon Gergen, Christine Spudich, Dimana Spudich, Ricky Woodard, Pamela Krupco, Jondalyn Coziar, Jennifer Malady, Amy York, Amanda Rodgers, Kyle Wilmsmeyer, Rachel Flanigan, Brandi Tate, Jeffrey Ignatz. ROW 3: Steven Kirkpatrick, Jeremy Neimeyer, Timothy Kirkpatrick, Martha Day, Kristen Ely, Heather Epperson, Jeremy Champion, Jeffrey Ahlers, Jeffrey Hassell, Bradley Devors, Julie Mills, Blake Smith, Katie Serrano. 2. FRESHMEN: ROW 1: Nathan White, Justin Fraley, Robert Roberts, Jennie Snelson, Amanda May, Amy Wood, Angela Kromraj, Katherine Speece, Alexandra Krinski, Rachel Whitehead, Sara Rinehart, Lesa Byrd, Keri Dix, Katie Lathrop. ROW 2: Danielle Brown, Todd Brady, Scott Niggli, Kate Marzluf, Aimee Nyers, Jennifer O'Bear, Stacey Weinkein, Marie Tudor, Christie Callender, Kimberley Trobaugh, Amy Krieshok, Jennifer Kessler, George Brooks, Amanda Werths. ROW 3: William Farmer, Candice Herin, Sarah Kirkpatrick, Erica Ingram, Krista Morton, Julia Lemaster, Kathryn Isom, Stephanie Feltmeyer. 3. Science club members sign up for the hayride. 4. Science club members on the winter hike. 5. Jaime Mertz works on the Homecoming float. 6. Science club members all dressed up for the Haunted Barn. 7. Brandon Houser and Timothy Harris enjoy the view. 8. Lesa Byrd and Sara Rinehart work at the Haunted Barn, 9. Kristie Ross, Samantha Butler, Brandi Barton, and Beth Feenstra enjoy the food. 10. Olivia Holloway, Laura Marzluf, Carla Shehorn talk about their trip. 11. Melanie Gensert, Sangeeta Kumar, Richard Spratley, and Sarah Fielding discuss their hike.



















SCIENCE CLUB 205



#### LEARNING ABOUT GOVERNMENT

With one year under his belt as the new sponsor of the Social Studies/Foreign Policy Club, Mr. Jim Lombardi started the 1996-97 school year with many goals and expectations. This year the officers are President Jessica Mefford, Vice President Sarah Fielding, Secretary Sarah Signall, and Treasurer Joseph Herman. There are approximately sixty-five club members this year. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month.

Traditionally, the club sells citrus fruit. This year the money raised from the sales of fruit is going

towards a trip during Spring Break.

In addition to the annual fruit fund raiser, Mr. Lombardi has many other activities planned for the club members. One event planned is the Mock Election. Three club members will give speeches for each of three presidential candidates. The speeches will be broadcast in place of Channel One on election day, November fifth. Patrick Mullen will represent Ross Perot, Crystal Brown will speak on behalf of Bill Clinton, and campaigning for Bob Dole will be Sarah Fielding. Election day, club members will man the poles during lunch hours. Students, administration and faculty are eligible to vote after producing their provided registration cards.

Mr. Lombardi said, "As a major goal for the Social Studies Club it is my intention as a sponsor to take the members on several trips this spring that will teach students how and why public institutions in our society

operate."

Through the citrus fruit sales, Mock Election, and educational trips this spring, Mr. Lombardi will surely make the club much fun for all involved.















1. Officers: Sarah Signall, Jessica Mefford, Joseph Herman, Sarah Fielding. 2. ROW 1: Sarah Fielding, Jamie Raub. ROW 2: Amanda Solomon, Brandice Pope. ROW 3: Crystal Brown, Gina Gordan. 3. ROW 1: Joshua Mefford, Rachel Mefford, Lisa Watkins. ROW 2: Cassandra Hagopian, Robert Harris. ROW 3: Jessica Mefford, Erin Tyler, Jaime Dellbringge. 4. ROW 1: Daniel Stagman, Gregory Meyer, Jenee Harper, Danielle Stern, Natasha Gregg. ROW 2: Joseph Herman, Timothy Kirkpatrick, Steven Mennemeyer, Steven Houk. ROW 3: Christopher Fraley, John Mills, Christopher Ousley, Vincent Willaredt, Charles Stepanek. 5. ROW 1: Traci Manis, Rusty Ford, Mindy Staggs, Amy Thomas. ROW 2: Kara Coleman, Christopher Sumpter. ROW 3: Emily Markel, Rebecca Bargiel, Beth Reiter, Sara Schwager. 6. ROW 1: Krislyn Niggli, Kimberly Greer, Andrea Davis, Mark Achenbach. 7. ROW 1: Jessica Harris, Rachel Kulasza. ROW 2: Steve Mathes, Patrick Mullen, Timothy Goskie, Kara Ballew. 8. Sponsor Mr. Jim Lombardi





# OUR ELECTED LEADERS

Every day during 4-1, the Granite City Student Council meets to make plans for activities that will benefit our school and community. They help plan the homecoming parade and dance. During Homecoming, they help plan the days of the week such as 60's, 70's, and 80's day and the "come as you are" day. The prom is also a large event planned by the student council.

Besides the Prom and Homecoming festivities, they also organize committees for different projects such as: Holiday Harvest at Rellekes pumpkin farm, Christmas and Thanksgiving baskets, Valen-

tines Day cookies and Bar-B-Que's.

The members of Student Council are elected by the GCHS student body and each grade is represented. To be eligible for membership, students must keep a 3.5 grade point average, uphold good leadership skills, and be willing to work hard to improve our school and our community.

Student Council is sponsored by Mrs. Linda Ames. She is helped by president Amanda Crabtree

and vice presidents Elizabeth McKechan and Christy Gilmore.

When asked how they feel about Student Council, the officers replied accordingly. Amanda Crabtree said, "We have really tried to make this year exciting for everyone. I think that more students and teachers were involved in the activities this year than in past years, and that makes it so much more fun". Elizabeth McKechan said, "For the four years that I've been in Student Council, it gets more fun every year. We've done a lot of great projects, and it's fun getting to know all the people". Christy Gilmore said, "Student Council is a great club to be a part of. It has made my last three years fun and memorable."

The hard work and dedication of the Student Council representatives help make the school year

a success for the entire student body.









1. President Amanda Crabtree, 1st Vice President Elizabeth McKechan, and 2nd Vice President Christy Gilmore. 2. Amanda Crabtree and Mrs. Linda Ames. 3. ROW 1: Kathlynn Schermer, Anna Tapp, Holly Ryan. ROW 2: Timothy Simon, Melissa Smith. ROW 3: Rebecca Bargiel, Jeffrey Klee, and Beth Reiter. 4. ROW 1: Michael Angle. ROW 2: Peggy Hammond, Amy Pennell. ROW 3: Leah Gamblin, Stephanie Smiddy, and Hilary Martin. 5. ROW 1: Rusty Ford, Kelley Johnson, Sung Hee Suh. ROW 2: Andrea Jones, Julie Sansone, Treasurer Sangeeta Kumar. ROW 3: Christopher Jones, Bryan Johnson, Mikal Guffey, Brad Neidhardt. 6. Freshmen: Row 1: Rachel Whitehead. Emily Vance, Sarah Harris. Row 2: Nicholas Garcia, Joi McNeish, Justin Warren.





# GCHS ATHLETES

Varsity Club is a group of Granite City High School students who have earned a varsity letter. In addition to receiving a varsity letter, they must maintain a 3.0 grade point average.

The club sponsor, Tim Moran, is in his fourth year with the club. To help him run the club smoothly, he has assistance from the officers. The 1996-97 officers are: Amelia Tapp, President; Tonna Druhe, Vice President; Rebecca Bargiel, Secretary; Paul Williams. Treasurer.

The club participates in many fundraising activities. In October, they worked at the Relleke Holiday Harvest. They sponsor a Donkey Basketball Game played by faculty vs. Varsity Club and Student Council.

Again this year, the club held a lock-in at the Y.M.C.A. Games and foods were enjoyed by all. Sports Day at the grade schools was assisted by workers provided by the club.

Besides having a great time, the club members are a major asset to the school and the community.













1. Tim Moran and President Amelia Tapp. 2. Officers: Tonna Druhe, Paul Williams, and Rebecca Bargiel. 3. ROW 1: Heather Mell. ROW 2: Kristin Stovall and Melissa Montgomery. ROW 3: Connie Meyers and Carrie Simpson. 4. ROW 1: Mikal Guffey, Corey Winfield, David Parker. ROW 2: Kevin Harris, Philip Meyer, Dustin Brewer, Mark Dittman, Andrew Oney. 5. ROW 1: Amanda Crabtree, Kimberly Conaway, Cynthia Gorka. ROW 2: Julie Hildebrand, Sangeeta Kumar. ROW 3: Adina Lewis, Melissa Smith, Kara Ballew, Michelle Montgomery. 6. Walter Greathouse and Anna Tapp. 7. ROW 1: Kara Coleman, Jan Shanafelt. ROW 2: Stephanie Brandt, Jenna Wright, Laurie Bohnenstiehl, Jamie Raub. 8. ROW 1: Amanda Nizinski, Christina Clutts, Gregory Winfield. ROW 2: Amanda Dunnavant, Sarah Signall, Lisa Cuvar.

















#### INDUSTRIOUS STUDENTS

V.I.C.A., Vocational Industrial Clubs of America, is one of the hardest working clubs at the high school. V. I. C. A. is sponsored by Donald Kimbrell. The fifty to sixty members of this club gather during 4-2 to organize their future activities.

V.I.C.A. is available to high school students who are enrolled in a trade, industrial, technical, or health occupations courses. There are many trades including graphic arts, electronics, auto mechanics, welding, machine shop, building trades, and drafting.

At the beginning of the year, officers are elected. The president is Chet Fine. Other officers include David Parker, vice president; Christopher Ray, secretary; Steven Fowler, treasurer; Aaron Brown, assistant treasurer; and Jose Brackins, historian. The advisor is Donald Kimbrel.

This year V.I.C.A. placed first in the homecoming parade float contest. Their float consisted of a warrior football player kicking a tiger, which was made of paper mache and chicken wire, through the uprights. They received one hundred dollars in prize money which they gave to the Christmas basket fund.

During the year, V.I.C.A. members prepare for the chance to participate in state competition. First, they have to take a written test on the trade that they are in. If they score high enough, they qualify for the state tests, which are all hands on in the trade the member is in. The students have a couple of months to better their hands-on skills for the state test. After months of hard work, the members that qualified travel to Springfield in April. Here they take the test and see how well they olace.

V.I.C.A. members work dilligently and excel at their trade. Their hard work throughout the year is rewarded in their competitions for the state test at the end of the year, and in their future jobs after high school.

















## WIN WITH US

Win With Wellness is a relatively new organization at Granite City High School. This is its third year in existence, but its first year to be recognized as an official club. The teachers who sponsor the club are Laura Mannisi, Bill Puhse, and David Weller. Mrs. Mannisi and Mr. Puhse both teach math, and Mr. Weller teaches health.

Win With Wellness does good for both the community and the school. It helps the community through events such as the Hoops for Hearts Basketball Tournament and the Multiple Sclerosis Run/Walk. It helps make the school a safer place through programs like seatbelt checks and Violence-Free School Day. Other school activities Win With Wellness participates in include Random Acts of Kindness Day and Thirty Days of Fitness.

Not only does Win With Wellness help the community and school, it teaches the students who are involved with it many valuable lessons. In Win With Wellness, you gain leadership qualities and learn to work as part of a team. You get a chance to help your school and community and make you feel good about yourself. Also, you learn more about available resources in your community. Finally, you have fun!

The Win With Wellness Team at Granite City High School has received Awards of Excellence for the first two years it existed. That means it did work above the standards set by Win With Wellness headquarters. So, next time you participate in an activity sponsored by Win With Wellness, stop and appreciate all the work they do.

# DAYS OF OUR LIVES



VARSITY SOCCER CHEERLEADERS: ROW 1: Nicole Knobeloch, Elizabeth McKechan, Dawn Zaruba, Melissa David, Christy Gilmore, Amanda Dunnavant. ROW 2: Melissa Webb, Amy Monroe, Amy Miller, Jennifer Willman, Rachel Rees, Dennetta Boyd.

# PERFORMING



Christine and Dimana Spudich as orphans in ANNIE.



Freshmen cheerleaders



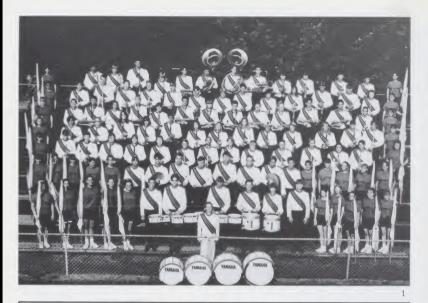
Kyle Bridges rehearses for ANNIE.



Mitchell Goldenberg, Linda Dohnal, Bethany Town, Madrigal Vorce, Lanese Griffith at Homecoming.



Marc Johnson, Bryan Johnson, Christopher Singleton, Ryan Moenster, Matthew Ely on stage.



#### MUSICIANS EXTRAORDINAIRE

One of the largest organizations at Granite City High School is the band. The band consists of many extremely talented musicians. These musicians play many types of music, such as classical, rock-n-roll, and everything in between. This music is usually played in the school and community. The band performs in local parades, football half-time shows, basketball games, and in competitions of all sorts.

The band directors for this year were Mr. Tim Mason and Mr. Wyatt Roberds, Mr. Mason has been band director for two years. Mr. Roberds has been Mr. Mason's assistant for the same amount of time. Both men put in many hours of time working with the members and putting together field shows. They are

very dedicated and their hard work shows.

This year the marching band's field show was complicated. The songs they played were "Russlan and admilla," "A Rachmonoff Portrait," "Comedians Gallop," and "Firebird." The band went to four competitions this year. The competitions were at Washington, MO.; Murray State, Kentucky; and at the TWA Dome in St. Louis. The band did very well at all of these competitions, especially at the TWA Dome where the band placed fourth out of twelve nationally ranked bands in the U.S.

Last spring the band and color guard traveled to Virginia Beach and Washington D.C. to compete in

both marching band, concert band, and jazz band competitions. At this competition they won numerous

awards in all three of these events. This trip was very successful for the Warrior Band.

In order for the band to become such a talented group of students, they must practice nearly yearround. They take two weeks out of the end of the summer vacation to start learning their field show. These practices are essential for the band. The practices teach them musical skills, marching skills, leadership, and teamwork.



1. MARCHING BAND: ROW 1: Drum Major Barbara Holland. ROW 2: Heather Passig, Rebecca Besserman, Jaime Mertz, Lisa Dillard, Natasha Gregg, Blake Smith, Kenneth Rushing, Douglas Mueller, Casey Ashby, Angela Morris, Steven Kirkpatrick, Amy Moran, Tabitha Soechtig, Renee Bivens, Kara Trucks, Dawn Goforth. ROW 3: Jennifer Miller, Kristina Pearson, Michelle Roeder, Leah Burgess, Katie Smothers, Jennifer Grable, John Dimitroff, Nathan Bain, Gregory Sarich, Anthony Guithues, Colin Anderson, Zachary Giese, Zaharay Smith, Tarra Falter, Lyndsay Davis, Stacey Wampler, Lisa White, Karen Munger, ROW 4: Johanna Ribley, Sharon Jones, Mark Moulton, Amanda Burch, Melissa Hammond, Bethany Town, Katrina Smith, Lanese Griffith, Rebekah McGuire, Jennifer O'Bear, Connie Evans, Deanna Smith, Amanda Supp, Shannon Cobert, Angie Thomas. ROW 5: Denise Carrol, Salina Morlen, Amanda Foley, Crystal Jones, Shena Scrum, Michael Stowell, Carla Shehorn, Olivia Holloway, Andrea Dillard, Philip Huniak, Matthew Cook, Laura Kohenskey, Jori Keener, Andrea Stovall, Amee Olson. ROW 6: Amanda Harris, Jaime Rushing, Matthew Owca, Hillary Aerts, Jesse Faulkner, Holly Nail, Christopher Singleton, Rebecca Pierce, Mitchell Goldenberg, Shannon Cuvar, Janelle Belles, Mark Moseley, Eric Smith, Marla Hall, Linda Dohnal. ROW 7: Donna Moseley, Sara Hull, Eric Werner, Hardin Haynes, Nicholas Huniak, Harry Painter, Kyel Bridges, Christopher Lewis, Matthew Thomas, Brian Bogavich, Amber Giese, Christopher Stevens, Matthew Whitehead, Laura Davis, Sherry Presswood, ROW 8: Jamie Jones, Jeffrey Beckwith, Shannon Gergen, Timothy Kirkpatrick, Joseph Million, Gary Colp Jr., Nathan Robbins, Jonathan Weiss, James Watson, Vanessa Vangel, Madrigal Vorce, David Schallert, Dustin Sendejas, Alicia Hartin, 2. JAZZ BAND: ROW 1: Jesse Faulkner, Matthew Owca, Hillary Aerts, Rebecca Pierce, Sharon Jones, Matthew Cooper. ROW 3: Mitchell Goldenberg, Jennifer Grabel, Jeffrey Beckwith, Shannon Gergen, Eric Werner, Hardin Haynes, ROW 3: Blake Smith, John Dimitroff, Casey Ashby, Christopher St









1. CONCERT BAND: ROW 1: Salina Morlen, Laura Davis, Sharon Jones, Andrea Stovall, Amanda Supp, Elizabeth Weatherly, Marla Hall, Rebekah McGuire, Jennifer O'Bear, Barbara Holland, Rebecca Besserman, ROW 2: Sara Hull, Shannon Colbert, Lanese Griffith, Connie Evans. DeAnna Smith, Bethany Town, Jaime Rushing, Madrigal Vorce, Dustin Sendejas, Vanessa Vangel, David Schallert, John Taylor, Katie Smith, Holly Nail, Crystal Jones, Melissa Hammond, Mark Moulton. ROW 3: Hillary Aerts, Rebecca Pierce, Janelle Belles, Mitchell Goldenberg, Eric Smith, Mark Moseley, Shannon Cuvar, Melissa Lueke, Jesse Faulkner, Matthew Owca, Laura Kohenskey, Michael Stowell, Amanda Burch, Olivia Holloway, Shena Scrum, Philip Huniak, Amanda Foley, Jori Keener, Carla Shehorn, Andrea Dillard. ROW 4: Katrina Loyd, Victor Peralez, Harry Painter, Matthew Whitehead, Christopher Lewis, Matthew Thomas, Nicholas Huniak, Brian Bogovich, Kyle Bridges, Amber Giese, Christopher Stevens, Katrina Smith. ROW 5. Tara Tullock, Zachary Giese, Anthony Guithues, Gregory Sarich. Blake Smith, Steven Kirkpatrick, Colin Anderson, Timothy Kirkpatrick, Joseph Million, Jeffrey Beckwith, Eric Werner, Shannon Gergen, Nathan Robbins, Jonathan Weiss, James Watson, Nathan Bain, Douglas Mueller, Zachary Smith, Jennifer Grable, Casey Ashby, Anglea Morris, John Dimitroff. 2. BAND COUNCIL: ROW 1: Drum Major Barbara Holland, Secretary Marla Hall, President Matthew Owca, Vice President Hillary Aerts, Treasurer Salina Morlen. ROW 2: Melissa Hammond, Rebecca Besserman, Angela Morris, Laura Davis, Vanessa Vangel, Amber Giese, Amy Moran. ROW 3: Eric Werner, Jesse Faulkner, Natasha Gregg, Nicholas Huniak, Casey Ashby, Douglas Mueller, Nathan Robbins. 3. BAND COUNCIL: ROW 1: Mitchell Goldenberg, Andrea Dillard, Jori Keener, Carla Shehorn, Tara Tullock, Amanda Burch, Rebecca Besserman, Barbara Holland, Michael Stowell, Steven Kirkpatrick. ROW 2: Madrigal Vorce, Connie Evans, Jeffrey Beckwith, Nathan Robbins, Holly Nail, Rebekah McGuire, Katie Smith, Anthony Guithues, Gregory Sarich, Melissa Hammond. ROW 3: Eric Smith, Angela Morris, Jamie Rushing, Phillip Huniak, Mark Moseley, David Schallert, Dustin Sendejas, Justin Meagher, Amanda Supp. Marla Hall. ROW 4: Kenneth Rushing, Colin Anderson, Nathan Bain, Douglas Mueller, Matthew Cooper, Matthew Owca, Nicholas Huniak, Casey Ashby, Shannon Cuvar, Hillary Aerts. ROW 5: Shannon Colbert, Sara Hull, Laura Davis, Salina Morlen, Matthew Whitehead, John Taylor, Katrina Smith, Christopher Stevens, Amber Giese, Vanessa Vangel. ROW 6: Andrea Stovall, Blake Smith, Rebecca Pierce, Eric Werner, Shannon Gergen, Timothy Kirkpatrick, Gary Colp, Hardin Haynes, Jonathan Weiss, James Watson. 4. TRI-M: ROW 1: Laura Davis, Jamie Rushing, Hillary Aerts, Kelly Pieper, Amanda Supp, Rebecca Besserman. ROW 2: Karla Pieper, Salina Morlen, Marla Hall, Douglas Mueller, Casey Ashby, Matthew Owca. ROW 3: Melissa White, Amber Giese, Matthew Whitehead, Jeffrey Beckwith, Nathan Robbins.

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## TALENTED ENTERTAINMENT

The GCHS Pom-Pon squad is very prestigious, consisting of many talented dancers and choreographers who provide entertainment during sporting events. To prepare for these performances the poms practice for many hours.

Throughout the year the poms held numerous fundraisers. Early in the school year they held a car wash at First Bank. Also, during homecoming week they sold cookies shaped like footballs to promote school spirit. During the Christmas holiday season, poms sold candy canes to splash some holiday cheer into GCHS. In April, a prom fashion show was held to display the latest trends in formal wear.

In addition to these money making schemes, the poms sold pizzas and held the annual pom-pon clinic for Granite City's youth. At the clinic, the participants received a t-shirt, a certificate of recognition, and a set of pom-pons. Groups were divided according to age. The different age groups were taught routines which they

performed for their parents at the close of the clinic.

The money raised through all these projects helped fund the new uniforms and warmups for the squad, and paid some camp fees. The Pom Parents Association is an organization made up of parents of poms that decided the dates in which these fund raisers were held. The Pom Parents also helped the poms organize their agenda, which included performance dates.

Before the school year, the poms attended a camp. The camp was held for three to four days for the marching auxiliaries, which include not only poms but flags and rifles. The camp taught the poms new dance techniques.

as well as polished their old ones.

The poms competed in the All-American Tryouts which made them eligible to perform in either the Citrus Bowl in Florida or the Aloha Bowl in Hawaii. Both competitions took place during Christmas vacation. This year, almost all of the poms were eligible to perform in either the Citrus or Aloha Bowl. However, junior Laura Nichol was the only pom that decided to participate. Laura performed at the half time show of the Citrus Bowl.

In the spring, the poms held a banquet at the Sunset Hills Country Club in Edwardsville. Friends and family members were invited to attend the awards ceremony. At the ceremony, awards were presented for various

achievements.

This year's Pom-Pon squad was led by captain Julie Burnett and co-captain Beth Reiter. Poms were sponsored by Vanessa Mattern.









1. ROW 1: Melissa Swigert, Julie Burnett, Beth Reiter. ROW 2: Amy Pennell, Kimberly Snell, Holly Ryan, Rebecca Bargiel, Emily Halvachs, Amy Cope, Sarah Garcia, Brianna Chrusciel, Candice Johnson, Sara Halbrook. ROW 3: Julie Scott, Lesley Cameron, Stephanie Smiddy, Susan Baker, Laura Nicol, Robin Bloomquist, Theresa Wilson, Bonnie Hill, Julie Mills, Tisha Gilliam, Kristin Bernaix. 2. Pom-Pons after a daily practice. 3. Poms pose for a picture at a competition. 4. Members of the pom squad practice a new routine. 5. The poms at the homecoming football game.



CONTANDO: ROW 1: Amanda Werths, Jamie Fields, Nicole Brown, Megan Solomon, Jennifer Wielgus, Amy Bowen. ROW 2: Michelle Marquis, Kira Ryan, Noma Jordan, Tamara Weston, Sarah Parker, Mandeline Hendricks, Melissa Gerber, Kristen Lance, Elizabeth Schildman, Holly Bradshaw, ROW 3: Tanya Darragh, Rene'e Condray, Amy Newman, Stephanie Smith, Nealie Ingram, Rebecca Ellsworth, Jamie Alexander, Kerry Lasiter, Eugenia Isreal, Phyllis Downs, Angela Bridgett, Tiffany Click. 2. Mrs. Gail Mueller. 3. SWING CHOIR: ROW 1: Philip Kostecki, Anthony Click, Stephen Asbeck, Charles Duckworth. ROW 2: Aaron Howard, Nealie Ingram, Valerie Hankes, Janelle Hankes, Kristen Lance, Sarah Parker, Christopher Zimmer, William Kee, Kari Shup. ROW 3: Karla Pieper, Tamara Weston, Sarah Saebens, Amanda Derossett, Kelly Pieper, Jodi Boone, David Pritchett. ROW 4: Jerreme Sloan, Jeremy Champion, Kristy Ball, Melissa Bernaix, Shelly Pulaski, Melissa White, Andria Butler, Michele White, Amanda Colwell, Christina Brimm, Todd Brady. ROW 5: Daniel McNeal, Amy Newman, Ricky Woodard, Phyllis Downs, Daniel Brown, Mandeline Hendricks, James Hancock, James Knox.





### VOICES CARRY

One of the sweetest sounds to the human ear is the sound of the human voice singing. Of course not everyone has the talent necessary to sing well. Some people are born with such an ability, others take lessons and practice at it. Whichever category you pertain to, there is a music class just right for you at GCHS.

Here at GCHS, students can choose from a variety of different music courses. The courses include Girls Glee, Swing Choir, Contando, and Advanced Mixed Chorus. All of these courses are instructed by Mrs. Gail Mueller.

Girls Glee is obviously available only to female students. This course is offered as a half-hour class opposite a lunch period. This gives those that are interested in singing but have little time in their schedule the opportunity to take a course on singing.

Swing Choir, unlike girls Glee, is available to both males and females. The performances consist of both singing and dancing. Besides practicing at school for their own enjoyment, they also travel to nearby hospitals, nursing homes, schools, and other such organizations in the area. These performances are usually a very big success and are enjoyable for the audience. Mrs. Mueller accompanies the choir at the piano at each performance.

Contando is an advanced music group here at the high-school. This group resembles the others in many ways, but one major difference is that Contando is for the more talented singers with more experience. Contando requires less instruction.

Advanced Mixed Chorus also consists of males and females. This course is offered to any student at any grade level with various singing capabilities. Students in this class possess the ability to read music and participate within a group. Along with learning to sing well, the students who participate in these classes also learn about musical terminology and various types and styles of music.

The students who volunteer their time to participate in the music program enjoy what they do and either are or become very good at what they practice. Their instructor, Mrs. Mueller, strives to perfect their work so that they may shine in their performances. She hopes to make singing and music enjoyable subject matter to her pupils. A lot of hard work is required to put on the outstanding performances. This hard work proves to be both beneficial and rewarding when they receive a warm response from their audiences.







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1. GIRLS GLEE ROW 1: Heather Winters, Emily Garofoli, Kendra White, Kristin Trunnell, Anna Hersom, Camille Sanders, Kiesha Smith, Mandeline Hendricks, Erica Ingram, Kristin Lance, Eugenia Isreal, April Brackins, Nicki McDowell, Elizabeth Schildman, Megan Judge, ROW 2: Danielle Brown, Kari Gibson, Barbara Sitton, Janna Pursell, Candice Hildreth, Samareia Darling, Sasha Temple, Cynthia Carll, Heather Atkins, Kelly Biver, Crystle Bierschwal, Shannon Bishop, Gina Gordon, Danielle Cole, Angela Bridgett, Megan Solomon, Tanya Percy, Amanda Biver. ROW 3: Angela Perdue, Kira Ryan, Tamara Weston, Kristy Ball, Shelly Pulaski, Tanya Darragh, Noma Jordan, Elisa Crockett, Angela Nemeth, Tabitha Soechtig, Lisa Dillard, Amy Moran, Miya Gilleland, Sarah Kirkpatrick, Samantha Barton, Heather Accardi, Candice Herin, Jamie Alexander, Holly Bradshaw, Heather Yates, Michelle Marquis, Jacquelin Papp, Jennifer Wielgus. 2. Mrs. Gail Mueller. 3. OFFICERS ROW 1: President Christopher Zimmer, Treasurer Karla Pieper, Historian Philip Kostecki. ROW 2: Vice President David Pritchett and Secretary Andria Butler. 4. ADVANCED MIXED CHORUS ROW 1: Amy Newman, Nealie Ingram, Christina Brimm, Amy Goodrich, Melissa Bernaix, Jodi Boone, Valerie Hankes, Janelle Hankes, William Kee, Erik Smith, Jason Kaminski, Amanda Colwell, Joshua Burkett, Aaron Howard, Jeremy Champion. ROW 2: Tiffany Click, Michele White, Kera Spreitler, Karla Pieper, Andria Butler, David Pritchett, Crystal Ridgeway, James Knox. Daniel Brown, Stephen Asbeck, James Hancock, Charles Duckworth, Todd Brady, Anthony Click, Alan Williams, Daniel McNeal, Terry Rochester. ROW 3: Rebecca Ellsworth, Casey Grieve, Julie Wilkinson, Melissa White, Sarah Saebens, Kari Shup, Rene'e Condray, Stephanie Smith, Amanda Derossett, Mary Martinez, Philip Kostecki, Christopher Zimmer, Christopher Jackson, Ryan Armes, Andrew Elliff, Joel Knowlton, Michael Settlemoir, Ricky Woodard, Jerreme Sloan, Matthew Schlecht.



1. VARSITY FOOTBALL: ROW 1: Leanna Strubberg, Amanda Dunnavant, Lori O'Bear, Jamie Schueren, Catherine Robbins ROW 2: Paul Williams, Jenna Williams, Kristin Ribbing, Natalie Denny, Amy Brown, Dennetta Boyd, Jeffrey Klee. 2. JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL: ROW 1: Rachel Bays, Peggy Hammond, Angela Brown, Sherri Freeman. ROW 2: Raymond Myint, Carissa Ridenour, Amy Cox, Tahisha Hicks, David Weathers. 3. VAR-SITY SOCCER: ROW 1: Elizabeth McKechan, Jennifer Willman. ROW 2: Dawn Zaruba, Christy Gilmore, Sarah Haddix, Nicole Knobeloch. ROW 3: Amy Monroe, Melissa David, Melissa Webb, Kathlynn Schermer, Amy Miller, Crystal Meyer.





## NINE TALENTED SQUADS

At each GCHS sporting event there are sure to be great athletes, great fans and great cheerleaders. These enthusiastic cheerleaders' job is to get the crowd excited and into the game, and to keep crowds there.

Contrary to popular belief, there is much more to being a cheerleader than being happy, optimistic and never losing hope of a victory. Cheerleaders practice nearly every day after school. This keeps them in top shape and helps them perfect their routines.

Cheerleaders aren't just at the games. Varsity cheerleaders have spirit on the field and off. They make signs for the players and give them bags of snacks as a treat for good luck.

Girls have traditionally made up the majority of the cheerleading squad. However, in recent years many boys have joined the ranks of the girls. They are of great assistance when the cheerleaders do their builds. These male cheerleaders can attest that cheerleading is not just a "girl sport."

Liz McKechan, a cheerleader for varsity soccer and basketball, says, "Cheerleading can be hard

Liz McKechan, a cheerleader for varsity soccer and basketball, says, "Cheerleading can be hard work, but that's what makes it fun. We put a lot of effort and time into what we do and we really earlier it."

enjoy it."

The cheerleaders hold a day camp during the summer in order to raise money. The camp is open for third through eighth grade girls. They spend the day learning chants, cheers, techniques and builds. The girls receive a shirt and lunch. All of the profits from the day camp are divided into each cheerleaders' account which can be used towards cheerleading summer camp.

Each squad goes to a camp for one week during the summer. This past summer, the varsity and JV soccer cheerleaders went to the University of Illinois and placed first in the dance competition. The varsity, junior varsity, and freshmen football cheerleaders spent a week at Southeast Missouri

The cheerleading sponsors are Pam Bjorkman, soccer; Janet Williams, football; Denise Spalding, basketball; Diane Peach for wrestling and Leah Schuman, freshmen sponsor.









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1. JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL: ROW 1: Carissa Ridenour, Hilary Martin, Crystal Cavins. ROW 2: Alysha Ward, Brianna Hacke, Natasha Howell. ROW 3: Peggy Hammond, Rebekah Boone, Sherri Freeman, Angela Brown. 2. JUNIOR VARSITY WRESTLING: Amanda Ragan and Amy Cox. 3. VAR-SITY WRESTLING: ROW 1: Jamie Schueren, Lori O'Bear, Amanda Nizinski, ROW 2: Natalie Denny, Leanna Strubberg, Kristin Ribbing. 4. JUNIOR VARSITY SOCCER: ROW 1: Rebekah Boone, Honesty Carpenter. ROW 2: Alysha Ward, Brianna Hacke, Crystal Cavins, Natasha Howell. ROW 3: Natasha Mangiaracino, Evonne Raftery. 5. FRESHMEN: ROW 1: Amber Hopper, Courtney Bosworth. ROW 2: Katara Jobe, Emily Worthen, Megan Bilyeu, Rachel Means, Billie Jo Hunt. ROW 3: Marla Vansickle, Sarah Harris, Theresa Hatley, Ashley Slover. 6. VAR-SITY BASKETBALL: ROW 1: Melissa David, Christy Gilmore, Dawn Zaruba. ROW 2: Dennetta Boyd, Amanda Dunnayant, Rachel Rees, ROW 3: Elizabeth McKechan, Melissa Webb, Jennifer Willman.



### PLEDGE TO THE FLAGS

The 1996-97 GCHS Color Guard consists of twenty-eight talented members. The squad this year consists of former rifles and flag members with some new editions. Captains for this year are seniors Natasha Gregg and Amy Moran. The captains make up the routines and work individually with the members.

This year the color guard performances consist of routines involving flags and rifles. Certain members are

chosen to perform the flag routines and others are picked to perform with rifles.

Throughout the year the squad performs at football and basketball games. They also perform in many contests. This year they competed at the Trans World Dome, in Kentucky, and in Washington, Mo. It is also traditional for the ladies to perform in the annual May Carousel.

With all of these performances the ladies must be very dedicated and practice exuberantly. The girls practice after school one day a week. They also practice during the end of the summer for two or three days a week, three to four hours each day. The squad participates in band camp which is for two weeks straight from eight in the morning to five in the afternoon. During this camp a guard instructor meets with the girls to help them with their marching skills and with their performing techniques.

This year's Color Guard was a larger squad and a very dedicated group of young ladies. Mr. Mason, band director and color guard sponsor, commented that this year's squad was "28 of the best kids I've worked with." With the teamwork they display throughout the year, they show that they work to the best of their abilities. Thanks, ladies, for the great performances you provided for the audiences, which they enjoyed during the half

time shows.











1. ROW 1: Kara Trucks, Dawn Goforth, Tabitha Soechtig, Amy Moran, Natasha Gregg, Lisa Dillard, Rebecca Bessserman, Jaime Mertz. ROW 2: Karen Munger, Lyndsay Davis, Leah Burgess, Michelle Roeder, Heather Passig, Tarra Falter, Stacey Wampler, Katie Smothers, Lisa White. ROW 3: Linda Dohnal, Jamie Jones, Angie Thomas, Kristina Pearson, Alicia Hartin, Jennifer Miller, Amee Olson, Donna Moseley, Amanda Harris, Denise Carroll, Sherry Preswood. 2. The Color Guard takes a break during practice. 3. Natasha Gregg stands at attention. 4. The squad works on an upcoming performance. 5. ROW 1: Michelle Roeder, Amy Moran, Tabitha Soechtig. ROW 2: Tarra Falter, Stacey Wampler, Heather Passig, Jennifer Miller. 6. Part of the squad works with the rifles.



### ANNIE

This year's musical, ANNIE, was chosen for the winter production by the speech department. The production had 52 people dancing and singing to

make this one of the most memorable performances at the high school.

"Annie" was directed by Ms. Mary Bright and choreographed by Ms. Margaret Holland-Pennell. Ms. Beverley Scroggins designed and constructed the set. Each of these ladies spend endless hours working to make the performances perfect

To add to the enjoyment of the musical, an orchestra pit accompanied the performers. Nime members of the GCHS band, directed by Mr. Tim Mason, played throughout the evening giving viewers an added enjoyment.

ANNIE was performed on January 22, 23, & 24. The first two performances were almost sellouts. The last evening, January 24, was standing room only. The audiences for the three productions were full of relatives, friends, and children, cheering, laughing and applauding each of the memorable seenes. Everyone who viewed the show found it to be fun and enjoyable. After the final curtain call, the audiences gave the performers a standing ovation.

One of the many reasons this musical was so enjoyed by all was the vast variety of characters that adorned the stage. Who could forget Mrs. Hannigan, Lily, Rooster, Daddy Warbucks, and Annie played by Amy Pennell. To add to the beauty of the characters, everyone in the production had a costume especially selected for them.

Another reason for the popularity of the show was the variety of music.
"Arat Knock Life," "Tomorrow," "Little Girls," "Maybe," "Easy Street," &
"Pully Dressed" were just a few of the songs performed by the talented

Thank you to each of the performers and the three ladies who made three special days in January a wonderful memory for so many people.













1. ROW 1: Megan Solomon, Natasha Gregg, Camille Fensterman, Amanda Nizinski, Christopher Singleton, Marc Johnson, Shaun McKeal, Bryan Johnson, Ryan Armes. ROW 2: Ashley Slover, Gretchen Gieson, Natasha Mangiaracino, Regina Wright, Steve Mathes, Christie Belles, John Mell, David Cook, ROW 3: Danny Dixon and Amy Pennell. Lora Smallman, Christina Brand, Leah Gamblin, Melanie Gensert, Amy Krieshok. 3. Ms. Mary Bright. 4. ROW 1: Kate Jacobs, Emily Halvachs, Lora Smallman, Christina Brand, Leah Gamblin, Sarah Fielding. ROW 2: Melanie Gensert, Amy Krieshok, Kelly Pieper, Carla Shehorn, Amy Pennell, Sara Halbrook, Madrigal Vorce, Christine Spudich, Dimana Spudich. 5. Leah Gamblin and Sara Halbrook apply make-up to David Zellerman. 6. Kelly Pithers and Amy Pennell rehearse a scene. 7. Orphans Kelly Pieper, Emily Halvachs, Dimana Spudich, Christine Spudich, Madrigal Vorce, Kate Jacobs, Lora Smallman, and Carla Shehorn perform the song "Fully Dressed".









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1. ROW 1: Doggie Annie Burnett, Amy Pennell. ROW 2: Danny Dixon and Christie Belles. 2. Laura Nicol, Robert Crane, Kelly Pithers. 3. ROW 1: Justin Meagher, Marc Johnson, Bryan Johnson, Christopher Singleton, Shaun McKeal, ROW 2: Allyson McDowell, Christina Clutts, Jamie Schueren, Edward Connolly, David Zellerman, Ricky Woodard, Patrick Mullen, Jeremy Champion. 4. ROW 1: Doggie Annie Burnett and Amy Pennell. ROW 2: Christopher Singleton, Jacquelin Stille, Eva Meyer, Marc Johnson, Camille Fensterman, Jennifer May, Ryan Armes. Seated: Matthew Ely, Standing: David Wright, John Mell, Shaun McKeal, Justin Meagher, Marc Johnson, Bryan Johnson, Christopher Singleton, Ryan Moenster, David Zellerman, 6. Christina Echueren, Ricky Woodard, David Zellerman, Jackie Stille, Melanie Gensert, Eva Meyer, Christie Belles, Amy Pennell, Danny Dixon, Patrick Mullen, Bryan Johnson, Jennifer May, Shaun McKeal, Christopher Singleton, Camille Fensterman, Jeremy Champion, Allyson McDowel, Ryan Moenster, David Cock.

# A DAY IN THE LIFE



Sangeeta Kumar concentrates on returning the ball.

# **SPORTS**



Rocky Smith prepares to hand off the ball.



Dane Bauer defends the Warrior's goal zone.



Bryan Johnson attempts a tackle.



Breann Chastain bumps the volleyball.



Scott Mills runs the ball down field.



The Warrior football team gathers in a pre-game huddle.





1. VARSITY: ROW 1: Paul Kacera, Jay Scott Laird, Zachary May, Timothy Wallace, Wesley Reed, Brian Kamadulski, Steven Graham, Michael Ahlvers. ROW 2: Kyle Briggs, Rocky Smith, Juannell Goodwin, Jeffrey Hayden, Richard Koerper, Robert Turck, Dustin Brewer, Jeffrey Hoenig, Ray Smith, 2. JUNIOR VARSITY: ROW 1: Paul Kacera, Jeffrey Hayden, Rocky Smith, Zachary May, Wesley Reed, Steven Graham. ROW 2: Juannell Goodwin, Brian Kamadulski, Jay Scott Laird, Richard Koerper, Michael Simpson, Matthew Pistorius. 3. Kyle Briggs makes a diving pass. 4. Dustin Brewer attempts a jump shot.

#### 240 BOYS BASKETBALL





#### HOOP IT UP

The 1996-1997 Warrior basketball team had a great season. With the help of returning starters senior Ray Smith, senior Kyle Briggs, and junior Dustin Brewer, the Warriors achieved a winning season. Other starters included senior Michael Ahlvers and senior Jeffrey Hoenig. Strong players from the bench included senior Robert Turck, freshman Zachary May, and junior Timothy Wallace, who was plagued with injuries throughout the season.

Not only has the Warrior team developed great skills, but they also had much height to help them out, with four varsity players averaging 6'4".

This year's coaching staff included freshman coach Darren Depew, sophomore coach David Weller, junior varsity coach Carl Luehman, and varsity coach John VanBuskirk. Coach VanBuskirk said that, "This group of young men were a pleasure to coach. They understood the term 'team'. All of them will be successful men and I wish them the best of luck."

This year the Warriors finished with the consalation championship trophy at the Salem Invitational. All the Warriors performed well but Ray Smith performed above average and made the first team all-tournament team and lead the tournament in scoring with an average of 23 points a game. Dustin Brewer also stepped up his play in the tournament with an average of nine rebounds a game.

This year the Warriors beat East St. Louis Lincoln at Lincoln for the first time ever in Warrior basketball history. Along with Edwardsville, East St. Louis Lincoln was added to the Southwest Conference this year. Also this year was the first in the last six years that the Warriors were able to defeat Collinsville.

With many players returning with varsity experience, next year's team should be another season of .500 or better. Best of Luck.





1. SOPHOMORES: ROW 1: Daniel Winkle, Jason Acord, Andrew Ronk, Dean Schannot, Justin Stone, Corey Winfield. ROW 2: William Kee, Charles Papp, Michael Simpson, Christopher Tindall, Russell Smith, Joseph Laird, Michael Williams. 2: FRESHMEN: ROW 1: Justin Cann, Jeremy Stone, Justin Jones, Brett Briggs, Ian Kessel, Christopher Wills, David Brooks, Jason Fernandez. ROW 2: Richard Skirball, Demetrius Edmond, Justin Roeher, Kevin Elliott, Matthew Pistorius, Antwon Lindsey, Jonathon Slay, Bobby Rider, Justin Peters, Scott Schardan, Chad McKinney. 3. Ray Smith looks to pass. 4. Timothy Wallace drives to the lane. 5. Jeffrey Hoenig goes for a two handed dunk. 6. Robert Turck puts up a shot.

#### 242 BOYS BASKETBALL









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#### UP AND RUNNING

Cross Country is one of the more difficult sports that the students at GCHS participate in. This sport requires an enormous amount of endurance, determination, and a love for running. Runners of the Cross Country Team compete at the individual and team level. Practices which include long, hard runs that average four to six miles, are the key to winning meets.

Participants do not complain about the amount of strenuous work coaches Paul Greve and Thomas Haeffner require of them. Many of the members of the GCHS Cross Country Team feel that the hard work pays off both physically and emotionally. Conquering the entire course improves their muscle tone, cardiovascular system, confidence and self esteem. Runners on the team benefit a great deal from their experience during the season.

One of the aspects of cross country running that appeals to the participants is the fact that it is such an individual sport. The members can train on their own, and can work on their skills at any time they choose. Their own personal will and determination decides how well runners compete in meets.

The Cross Country Team members begin their season at the start of school. Their season lasts usually until October. During the few months the team competes, members work dillegently to make sure they perform to their highest capability. The GCHS Cross Country Team puts in many hours of hard work to make their teammates, coaches, and fellow students proud.







1. ROW 1: Crystal Robinson, Heather Mell, Daniel Robinson, Kevin Atkins, Curtis Strain, Jeffrey Hassel, David Elliff, ROW 2: Coach Grieves, Justina York, Robert Prithard, Edward Connolly, Jay Laird, Robert Lampit, David Thompson, Gretchen Wiegand, Coach Haefner 2: ROW 1: Justina York and Gretchen Wiegand. ROW 2: Coach Grieves and Coach Haefner. 3. David Thompson rounds the corner. 4. Jay Scott Laird and opponent race to the finish line.



### LADIES ON THE COURT

This year the 1996-1997 Lady Warriors Varsity basketball team is being coached by John Moad. Priscilla Meyenburg is the junior varsity coach.

Along with five seniors, two juniors, and one sophomore, the coaches decided to place three talented freshmen on the varsity roster. Jessica Wallace regularly is one of the starting five. Jessica Reader and Erica Todd both dress varsity. This year the team captains are Kelley Johnson and Carrie Simpson.

This summer in preparation for the fall season, many of the Lady Warriors participated in a basketball camp held at Southeast Missouri State. This camp taught the ladies many useful drills to improve different areas of their game.

Although the team has struggled with their shooting ability, they have continued to maintain a strong defense. The team puts many hours of hard work into their practices, and strive to be a powerful force in girls basketball. The Lady Warriors tackled the season with the idea that they were going to improve, continue their positive attitudes, and work to the best of their ability.

The first tournament of the season was the Mascoutah tournament. The Lady Warriors were scheduled to play Carlisle, the number one ranked team in the state of Illinois. Carlisle defeated the Lady Warriors. Although they lost, the team certainly should be proud of the small margin they maintained.

Out of their first eleven game the Junior varsity team won six impressive games. Two of their biggest wins have been against East St. Louis Lincoln and rival Collinsville. In the Collinsville game, with only six seconds remaining and one point behind, Erica Todd came through with a game winning three pointer.

The freshmen team is being coached by Paul Macios. Coach Macios is pleased with the progress that the team has shown, "The good thing about this team is that they don't quit. They play as hard as they can even if they are losing." Their game against Civic Memorial has been perhaps their greatest victory after winning by 20 points. Good luck to all of the teams.





1. VARSITY: Coach Charles Kraus, Kelley Johnson, Carrie Simpson, Amanda Rohay, Melissa Setser, Stephanie Brandt, Anna Tapp, Kara Coleman, Rebecca Gehling, Jessica Wallace, Jan Shanafelt, and Coach John Moad 2. Kara Coleman blocks a shot. 3. Jan Shanafelt executes a pass.





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1. JUNIOR VARSITY: ROW 1: Kristin Stovall, Tiffany Harris, Kathryn Ronk, Della Moore, Jamie Raub ROW 2: Coach John Moad, Kerry Lasiter, Jondalyn Coziar, Debra Aaron, Elizabeth Dittman. 2. FRESHMEN: ROW 1: Sarah Jarrett, Monique Wright, Kera Olson, Tonya Biggs, Jessica Bathon, Melissa White, Heather Ackerman. ROW 2: Coach Paul Macios, Tabatha Duff, Sarah Luehmann, Megan Mehelic, Kristin Setser, Christina Rother, Krista Morton. 3. Jessica Wallace attempts a shot. 4. Melissa Setser looks to make a pass.



## HUT, HUT, HIKE

The 1996-97 Warrior football team began their year with high expectations of the upcoming season. They were all excited about the fact that a new head coach would be leading the team. Mr. Nick Petrillo was given the important role. The players were anxious about the changes that might occur, and what this new coach was going to expect from them as athletes and as a team.

The varsity team defeated Belleville East, Belleville West, and Lincoln, leaving them with a record of three wins and six losses. These numbers only tell us wins and losses, but excludes the excellent quality of the team. Every game was a learning experience. "We made a lot of progress for a team with a new coach." commented varsity player Brad Neidhardt.

This year's team consisted of many outstanding athletes. Some of these talented players were presented with awards of high honor at the awards banquet after the season. This year, Kevin Harris received the "Keith Lucas Award." This award is presented to an athlete who has displayed extraordinary courage on the field, and who has concerned himself with the welfare of his fellow teammates. The "John Tarpoff Award" was given to Ryan Relleke. This award is given to an outstanding lineman who displays qualities similar to that of John Tarpoff, a lineman who played for the University of Missouri. Harold LaLumondiere received the "Rudy Award." This was the first year that this award was issued. The award is given to a Junior Varsity player who exemplifies teamwork and helps the Varsity prepare for their upcoming opponent.

The coaches of the varsity team also gave away Most Valuable Player awards. Most Valuable Players for each position were running back, Michael Posey; offensive lineman, Ryan Relleke; defensive lineman, Brad Neidhardt; and defensive back, Rocky Smith. Rocky was also named to the first team All-Conference. Jaunnell Goodwin, Jeffery Hayden, and Ryan Relleke were named to the second team. The following received Honorable Mention: Jason Dix, Matthew Glover, Kevin Harris, Peter McKinnie, Philip Meyer, Brad Neidhardt, David Parker, and Wesley Reed. Although, there were just a few awards that were presented, the Warrior team would have never had such a successful season without the participation of everyone on the team.

Reflecting on the season, Coach Petrillo said, "I am very proud of the 1996-97 Warrior Football team. Their competitiveness and desire to be better each week is a quality that I hope next years team can continue. Teamwork is what the '96 Warriors were all about. They didn't play for individual glory, but for the love of the game. I believe the emphasis in athletics should be placed on how to play the game-the process preparation, the effort of the athlete during the game and the attitude that is carried on to the field. These are the things we can control. The character of this team can be summed up by simply saying that they played hard and never quit."

Hopefully, next year's team will have the same success as this years. Remember that the Warrior football team needs all the support from fans that they can have. Whether the team wins or looses they always put on an excellent show.

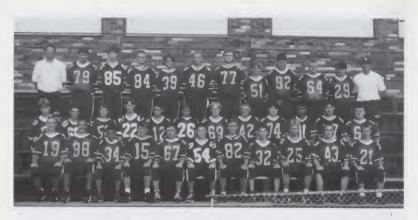








1. VARSITY FOOTBALL: ROW 1: Jason Dix, Philip Meyer, Brad Neidhardt, Ryan Relleke, Kevin Harris, David Parker, Nicholas Campbell, Bryan Johnson, Jacob Monroe, Michael Summers. ROW 2: Eric Mooshegian, Jeffrey Hayden, Mark Dittman, Keith Donohue, Juanell Goodwin, Michael Posey, Scott Peery, William Colp, Jeremy Helton, Loren Baugh Jr. ROW 3: Daniel Colwell, Rocky Smith, Jason Moad, Ryan Anderson, Derrick Hassell, Wesley Reed, Matthew Glover, John Pronabarger, John Cottrell, Justin Gardiner. ROW 4: Eric Rice, Erik Hamilton, Michael Stone, Karl Debney, Justin Williamson, Ryan Sedlacek, Daniel Dothage, Matthew Gibson, Harold Lalumondiere, Jimmy Overturf, Robert Calbraith. ROW 5: Coaches: Tim Moran, Darren Depew, Nick Petrillo, Ron Yates. 2: The Warriors hustle on and off the field. 3. Quarterback Kevin Harris calls a play. 4. Michael Posey avoids a tackle 5. Kevin Harris airs one out.





1. JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL: ROW 1: Jonathan Burns, Michael Simpson, David Marsala, Benjamin Thompson, Casey Adams, Craig Mooshegian, Matt Levart, Dennis Davis, Jeremy Hunter, Travis Catron, Sean Cook, ROW 2: Donald Moseley, Theodore Millas, Steven Reed, Ryan Haddix, Justin Hale, Jesse Parker, John Ahlers, Anthony Komoromi, Jared Brown, Brooks Narvaez, Joseph Laird, Benjamin Judd, ROW 3: Caseh Chuck Kraus, Russel Smith, Ryan Trobaugh, William Kee, Donald Cardin, Anthony Randazzo, Benjamin Temple, Jason Borisch, William Elsner, Orville Fowler, Sean Courtney, Coach Carl Leuhman. 2: FRESHMEN FOOTBALL: ROW 1: George Kirgan, Nicholas Garcia, Nathan White, Sean Cochran, Chad Wilson, Christopher Kayich, Zachary May, Jeremy Morris, Dennis Narvaez, Nicholas Wilson, Matthew Ward, ROW 2: Jeremy Lane, Clifford Kinnunen, Aaron Hoback, Bobby Hicks, Michael Anderson, Scott Schardan, Andrew Elliff, Eric Wienhoff, Patrick Jarman, Michael Switala. ROW 3: Fred Beyrau, Timothy Dawes, Jeremy Stone, Carl Hozian, Roger Galbraith, Greggory Avants, Kevin Elliot, Jason Newman, Demetrius Edmond, Chad McKinney, Jonathan Slay, ROW 4: Coach Gus Lignoul, Joshua Doty, Denis Schwierjohn, George Meade, John Brock, Rickey Bettis, Matthew Pistorius, Richard Skirball, Jason Rainwater, Jeffery Holliday, Justin Sparks, Coach Al Lewis Ir. 3. Warrior football team takes the field. 4. Coach Petrillo leads the team to the field. 5. Warriors celebrate their victory. 6. Warriors set up on the line of scrimmage. 7. Rocky Smith and David Parker. 8. Jaunnell Goodwin runs the ball down the field.













FOOTBALL 253



#### FAIRWAY TO HEAVEN

Golf is a sport that takes many long hours of practice. It also takes experience as well as concentration and athletic coordination. Every shot is different from the one before. One minute your ball could be on the fairway and the next minute it could be in the sand-tran.

This year, the GCHS Golf Team was rather young and inexperienced, but with great potential for next year. They will have all summer to practice their game and come back stronger than ever. Many of the players considered this year as a stepping stone for next year's season.

The team had a record of 11-9-0. Most of the players can't wait until next year to return to competitive play. The Junior Varsity Team also had a competitive season. Their record was 10-6.

The Varsity Team tied for fourth place out of twelve teams in the Mascoutah Tournament. Players on the varsity level consisted of 3 seniors, 2 juniors, and 3 freshmen. Senior Timothy Goskie said "This year's season was rather disappointing; we should have done a lot better. At least we had fun doing it."

Freshmen Jeffrey Jerden received Honorable Mention All- Area Team. He also tied for first with a score of 75 in the Mascoutah

Tournament.









1. VARSITY: ROW 1: Christopher Carpenter, Jeffrey Jerden, Ty Suhre, Brett Briggs. ROW 2: Allen Lobdell, John Mills, Matthew Foley, Timothy Goskie, Patrick Logan, and Duane Chaney. 2. Timothy Goskie tees off. 3. JUNIOR VARSITY: ROW 1: Andrew Ravannelli, Jeffrey Schlecht, Joshua Harrison, Daniel Harper, Steven Schroeder, and Cory Simpson. ROW 2: Allen Lobdell, Jeffrey Ahlers, Matthew Reiter, Mark Achenbach, Charles Papp, Ryan Moenster, and Duane Chaney. 4. John Mills drives the ball as Ty Suhre looks on. 5. Patrick Logan lines up his next shot.



### A TRADITION OF WINNING

The Soccer Warriors have a long tradition of winning. This year was no exception. The team worked hard and were extremely dedicated.

The team was coached by Gene Baker, Virgil Kirksey, David Ames, Allen Harris, and Barry Grote. Head Coach Baker had a long tradition of soccer excellence himself. He was on the 1965 Billiken team that won the N. C. A. A. Championship while going undefeated. He has been at Granite City High School since 1973 and has won nine state championships to date.

The captains of this year's team were Kyle Briggs, Eric Edwards, and Scott Mills. The team had some memorable victories this season. They defeated Vianney, Aquinas Mercy, and Springfield Sacred Heart. They ended the season with a record of 11-84.

In post-season play, the Warriors reached the semi-sectionals where they were defeated by Collinsville.

The senior soccer players had some great accomplishments this year. Kyle Briggs made both the All-State and All-Conference. He was an All-Midwest Selection and All-American. He was also the #1 player in Southwest Illinois. Other players to make All-Conference were Scott Mills and Jeremy Smith. Eric Edwards and Eric Wilkerson made Second team All-Sectional.

Coach Baker also gave special honors to his players. Kyle Briggs was given the Most Valuable Player Award. The Most Improved Player Award went to Eric Wilkerson and Walter Greathouse. The "Dave Morgan Award" is awarded to those players whose hard work and dedication is reflected by their gentlemanly conduct on the field. This year that award was given to Scott Mills.

Reflecting on the season, Coach Baker said, "The '96 Soccer Warriors were a competitive side against excellent opposition. The seniors made great strides becoming better athletes and gentlemen. Congratulations, you are winners."

The Junior Varsity team also did very well this season. They had remarkable wins over both Vianney and McCluer North. They ended their season with a record of 7-2-2.

The Freshmen Soccer team struggled through the season. They ended their season with a record of 2-9-2, but it was good learning experience.







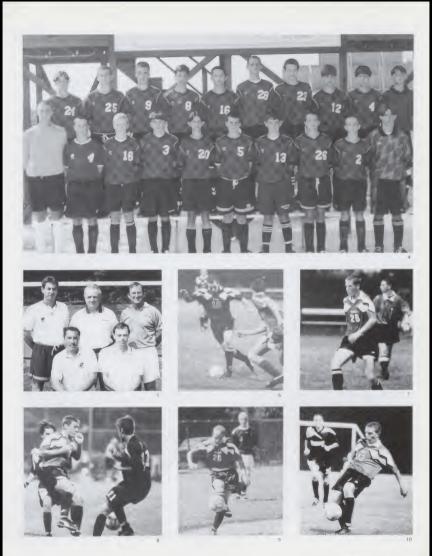
1. VARSITY SOCCER: ROW 1: Justin Roehr, Lucas Geggus, Mason Czar, Corey Wallace, Dane Bauer, Craig Murphy, Curtis Howard, Jeremy Smith, Scott Mills, Corey Winfield, Alex Bautsch, Jason Kelsaw. ROW 2: Walter Greathouse, Benjamin Starko, Dennis Holland, George Wolfe, Kyle Briggs, Andrew Oney, Phillip Hickam, Mark Sanchez, Eric Edwards, Eric Wilkerson, Jonas Janek, Justin Stone, Stephen Hendrickson. 2. Kyle Briggs races for the ball in the game against Aquinas Mercey. 3. Captains Kyle Briggs, Eric Edwards, and Scott Mills. 4. Phillip Hickam tries to dribble past a defender in the game against Francis Howell North.







1. JUNIOR VARSITY SOCCER: ROW 1: Justin Roehr, Ryan Stagner, Jason Hileman, Bradley Hutchings, David Margrabe, Brandon Williams, Ian Kessel, Stephen Hendrickson, Jeremy Hickam, Zebulon Moore, Craig Murphy. ROW 2: Shane Brown, Nathan Nichols, Joshua Peacher, Steven Graham, Mason Czar, Jeremy McCormick, Justin Stone, Benjamin Starko, Dustin Rosenburg, Andrew Ronk, Blake Shepard, 2. Curtis Howard challenges a Vianney player. 3. Walter Greathouse runs after the soccer ball. 4. FRESHMEN SOCCER: ROW 1: Justin Roehr, Ryan Stagner, Jeremy Hickam, Ian Kessel, Jeremy Smith, Scott Niggli, Jarod McMillian, Matthew Jackson, Patrick Copeland, Randal Kunkel. ROW 2: Nathan Severine, Chad Bridgeman, Jacob Loyd, John Gensert, Timothy Kosuge, Joshua Peacher, Dustin Wesley, Nathaniel Slate, Ryan Davis, James Moniz. 5. COACHES: ROW 1: Allen Harris, Barry Grote. ROW 2: Virgil Kirksey, Gene Baker, David Ames. 6. Scott Mills carries the ball down the field. 7. Phillip Hickam looks to make a pass. 8. Jonas Janek fights to gain control of the ball. 9. Phillip Hickam clears the ball down the field. 10. Corey Wallace prepares to kick the ball.



SOCCER 259



#### A STROKE OF HARD WORK

The Lady Warrior Tennis Team finished their season with a record of eight wins and eight losses. The team also finished third in the Civic Memorial Tournament which was an "all doubles" tournament.

The team consisted of eighteen players, ten varsity and eight junior varsity players. The varsity team was lead by eight seniors and two juniors. The line-up was made up of Sangeeta Kumar, Michelle Montgomery, Adina Lewis, and Melissa Nelson playing singles. The doubles teams were Kara Ballew and Amanda Crabtree, Cynthia Gorka and Kimberly Conaway, and Julie Hildebrand and Krislyn Niggli.

The ladies were coached by Mrs. Linda Ames for the third year in a row. The team's number one singles player Sangeeta Kumar, made it to the state tournament in Chicago this year. She made a very good showing, losing her first match, winning her second, and losing her third. Sangeeta is the first girl from Granite City that has made the state tournament in six years. "Going to state in tennis was a great experience. It was something that I have been looking forward to for four years, and it was a nice way to cap off my tennis career in the high school!"

The team will be losing nine seniors, but the remaining varsity and junior varsity members are strong players and will fill the open positions. The sophomores and freshmen are very good players and have improved greatly since the beginning of the season. As the team grows, the tradition of Lady Warrior Tennis will grow as well.











1. ROW 1: Michelle Montgomery, Kara Ballew, Sangeeta Kumar, Kimberly Conaway, Cynthia Gorka, Amanda Crabtree, Julie Hildebrand, Brenda Fritzsche. ROW 2: Coach Linda Ames, Beth Seibold, Julia LeMaster, Robyn Slater, Brooke Bolandis, Krista Morton, Melissa Nelson, Amanda Pashea, Kathryn Isom, Adina Lewis, and Krislyn Niggli. 2. Adina Lewis returns a serve with a backhand. 3. The Varsity Tennis players take a break after the Civic Memorial Tournament. 4. Michelle Montgomery volleys. 5. Sangeeta Kumar competes in a match. 6. Julie Hildebrand hits the ball over the net during practice.



#### ANOTHER BANNER YEAR

This year the Lady Warriors Spikers did well despite having both a young team and a transition year. The new head coach for the Warriors was Amy Cole. The co-captains this year were Tonna Druhe and Amelia Tann.

The Spikers began practicing on August 19. Their first game was on September 3 against Civic Memorial.

The Warriors lost but played well.

The Varsity team played in four tournaments throughout the course of the season. They were the Granite City Fall Classic, Collinsville Invitational, Freeburg Invitational, and the Southwest Conference Tournament. The team placed third in the Collinsville tourney and fourth in the Conference one.

Post season play began on October 29, for the ladies at East St. Louis Senior. The Warriors beat Cahokia to enter the Regionals finals. Then on the 31 of October, the spikers beat East St. Louis Lincoln to become the Regional Champions. The team then went on to the Sectionals which were held at Belleville East. In the first round of play the Warriors suffered a tough loss against Salem. The team's record for the season was fifteen

wins and nineteen losses and one tie. The Junior Varsity team was coached by Ruth Layton again this year. The ladies played in the Belleville West Tournament for the first time. The team came out strong and played well this year. Their record for the

season was one win eighteen losses and one tie.

The freshman team was coached by Deb Germann. She taught the girls the fundamentals which they will need to know in the future. The freshmen played in three tournaments this year. They were the Granite City, Hazelwood East, and Collinsville tournaments. The Warriors placed fourth in the Hazelwood tourney. Their record for the season was four wins and fifteen losses.

Even though none of the teams had a winning record they played well and learned from their mistakes in order to become more successful in the years to come.



1. VARSITY VOLLEYBALL: ROW 1: Amelia Tapp, Kerry Lasiter, Coach Amy Cole, Christina Greathouse. ROW 2: Stephanie Brandt, Laurie Bohnenstiehl, Melanie Gensert, Jenna Wright. ROW 3: Lisa Cuvar, Tonna Druhe. 2. Laurie Bohnenstiehl serves the ball. 3 & 4. Jenna Wright goes up for a spike. 5. Laurie Bohnenstiehl, Stephanie Brandt, Amelia Tapp, Tonna Druhe, and Jenna Wright celebrate victory over Collinsville.





1. JUNIOR VARSITY VOLLEYBALL: ROW 1: Tiffany Harris, Emilee Karlechik, Jamie Raub, Leah Gamblin, Kristen Ely. ROW 2: Coach Ruth Layton, Breann Chastain, Sarah Breidenbach, Jessica Huniak, Kimberly Cuvar, Lisa Hasty. 2. VOLLEYBALL COACHES: Assistant Coach Ruth Layton, Assistant Coach Deb Germann, Head Coach Amy Cole. 3. Amelia Tapp and Melanie Gensert serve receive. 4. FRESHMEN VOLLEYBALL: ROW 1: Kathryn Ronk, Kasey Baum, Jessica Bathon, Della Moore, Jeanna Janek, Katie Lathrop, Melissa Carpenter, Amanda Barunica. ROW 2: Megan Frances, Christina Rother, Brittany Ashford, Angela Kromraj, Kathryn Vivod, Jessica Wallace, Jessica Worthen, Coach Deb Germann. 5. Christina Greathouse serves for game point. 6. Stephanie Brandt jumps for a block. 7. Kerry Lasiter tips the ball over the net.



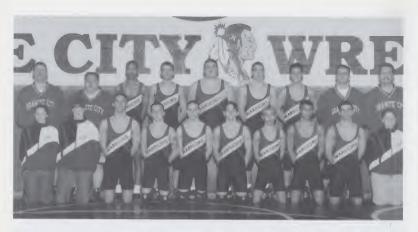








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1. VARSITY: ROW 1: Holly Derossett, Carla Venne, Dwight Newman, Adame Dunnavant, John Kelly, Justin Hale, Gary Oxford, Brooks Narvaez, David Thompson, Heather Passig. ROW 2: Coach Mark Whittaker, Coach Allen Kirgan, Michael Glover, Matthew Werner, Nicholas Campbell, Jonas Janek, George Kirgan, Coach Tom Blaha, Coach Mike Garland. 2. JUNIOR VARSITY: ROW 1: Kevin Buckingham, Richard Carney, Bryan Clark, Daniel Robinson, Benjamin Lofink, Paul Johnson, Chad Wilson, Dennis Narvaez. ROW 2: Coach Allen Kirgan, Dennis Davis, Craig Mooshegian, Gregory Buchek, Mary Derossett, Matthew Ward, Kenneth Cuvar, Ryan Worthen, Coach Mark Whittaker. 3. Jonas Janek and Brooks Narvaez wrestle in practice.



#### KINGS OF THE MAT

High expectations were placed upon the Granite City High School Wrestling Warriors in the 1996-97 season. The wrestlers did not disappoint anyone. Their mid-season record was 22-0-1. Also, they were the Conference Champions for the sixth year in a row.

This season there were three senior starters, Nicholas Campbell (23-12), Michael Glover (22-9), and David Thompson (18-17). Their mid-season records were exceptional. David Thompson was the team leader in escapes with forty-one. The seniors all performed well. They made their final season a memorable one.

Five starters came from the junior class. They were Adame Dunnavant (22-10), Jonas Janek (30-8), John Kelly (27-12), Dwight Newman (23-13), and Matthew Werner (25-12), Jonas Janek led the team in reversals with twenty. Matthew Werner was the team leader in measured decisions with five, technical falls with five, and near-falls for three points with twenty eight. The juniors were a big part of the team's success. Next year should be a great year for them.

Three sophomores also added to the strength of the starting line. They were Justin Hale, Brooks Narvaez, and Kevin Venne. Brooks Narvaez headed the team in take downs with eighty-one. Kevin Venne was the team leader in pins with nineteen. The sophomore starters learned a lot this season and gained experience they can use in seasons to come.

Two freshmen also joined the starting line. They were George Kirgan and Gary Oxford. They showed remarkable talent this season. Gary Oxford led the team in near-falls for two points and was the team leader in points with 172. With freshmen like this, Granite City can look forward to many years of excellent wrestling.

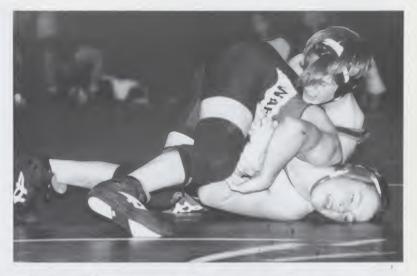
The Varsity team was coached by Mike Garland. He was extremely dedicated. Speaking of the team, he said, "We have a young team that I hope excels in the state tournament series. With hard work in the spring and summer we can bring home some individual state medals and a State Dual Team Trophy."

The Junior Varsity team also did very well. They were coached by Tom Blaha.

The Granite City Wrestling Warriors had another great season. They bring honor and pride to our school. Wrestlers, Granite City is proud of you.











1. Head coach Mike Garland, Mark Whittaker, Tom Blaha, and Allen Kirgan. 2. John Kelly practices with a teammate. 3. Ryan Worthen tries to escape from the grasp of his opponent. 4. Brooks Narvaez competes with a wrestler from Belleville West. 5. Some of the Holiday Tournament participants.

# **SPRING**



Amanda Nizinski, Carrie Simpson, & Connie Meyers.

1996



Jill Ahlvers, Erin Tongay, and Jennifer Willis.



Steve Moss practices the hurdles.



Jamie Wallace, Amy Takmajian, & Jeffrey Wallis



Prom participants at the end of the food line.



Amy Pennell, John Buxton, Ryan Moenster, Andrea Malone, & Jaime Carney.



#### **FAVORITE AMERICAN PASTIME**

The smell of the leather glove, the pop of the bat, the cheer of the crowd after an exciting play at the plate; these are just a few of the signs of baseball at the GCHS ball diamond. This spring was no exception. The baseball team prepared themselves for the long season ahead. These preparations included starting with the fundamentals of the game. In order to practice these skills, the players executed drills and used repetition to perfect their skills. Running and stretching was an important part of the first few days of practice. It kept injuries minimal.

Baseball is more than just another game or activity; it is about tradition, friendships, teamwork and dedication. Win or lose, the Warrior team went out on the field looking sharp and ready to play with confidence and heart.

With high expectations the team started the season by splitting a double header with East Moline. They began to see the team come together under the direction of head coach Gustave Lignoul who looked forward to his third year in charge of the team.

The team was led by seniors Jeremy Hoback, Earl Niepert, Brad Ervay, Brian Lloyd, and Justin Bettorf. Their experience helped the team avoid making mistakes. They also gave the younger players encouragement and tips they had learned at the varsity level. In the first part of the season the Warriors beat fourteen teams out of the first eighteen played. This was a very commendable record.

This year, the Warriors participated in some other activities outside of the regular season. One of the activities was a barbecue at Ervay's restaurant to raise money for new equipment. The team was also involved in a game against Mt. Vernon at Busch Stadium. The Warriors played after the Cardinals finished their game. Also, a new John Deere cart was donated to the program this year by the boosters club. The cart was helpful in transporting equipment and preparing the game field.

The 1996 Warrior varsity baseball team played hard all year and never let up. All of their work and years of practice paid off. The team did an excellent job representing the school on the ball diamond.





1. VARSITY BASEBALL: ROW 1: Kevin Harris, Eric Edwards, Steve Sander, Brian Lloyd, Jacob DePew. ROW 2: Bryan Johnson, Mikal Guffey, Kyle Briggs, Earl Niepert, Gregory Winfield, Bradley Ervay, Christopher Fiala, David Whittington. ROW 3: Coach Gus Lignoul, David Parker, Jeffery Hayden, Justin Bettorf, Dustin Brewer, Michael Ahlvers, Jeremy Hoback, Ryan Relleke, Coach Daren DePew. 2. Kyle Briggs awaits the ball. 3. Eric Edwards looks to first base.



1. SOPHOMORE BASEBALL: ROW 1: Kirk Brumley, Scott Smallie, Jerry Jackson, Vincent Whittenburg, Shaun Rigsby, Timothy Simon, John Kelly. ROW 2: Coach Jim Greenwald, Craig Murphy, Juannell Goodwin, Brian Kamadulski, Jonathon Burnett, Rocky Smith, Paul Kacera. 2. Rocky Smith runs for third. 3. FRESHMEN BASEBALL: ROW 1: Matt Levart, Daniel Harris, Anthony Randazzo. ROW 2: Casey Adams, Nathan Nichols, Jason Acord, Sean Courtney, Sean Kuehnel, Jeremy McCormick, Elliot Dine, Dean Schannot. ROW 3: Coach Tim Wilson, Clayton Rydgig, Denny Wells, Anthony Komoromi, Matthew Roustio, Steven Ward, Charles Papp, Coach Don Harris. 4. Brian Lloyd throws from third to first. 5. Rocky Smith tries to steal a base.









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#### A STADIUM EVENT

A fanatic, according to the Merriam-Webster dictionary, is marked or moved by excessive enthusiasm and intense devotion. The Warrior baseball fans can easily be characterized as fanatics.

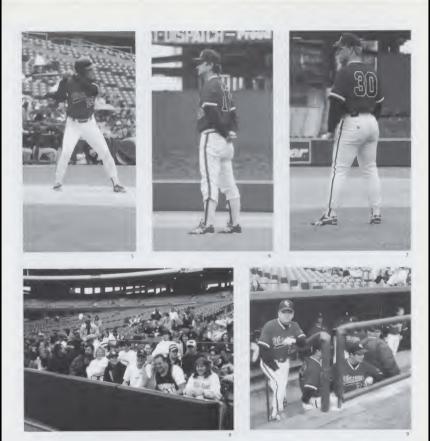
The devoted fans went to Busch Stadium on May 12, 1996, to watch the GCHS Warriors play the Mt. Vernon Rams. The fans lifted the spirits of the Coach Lignoul's ball team by providing moral support, banners, and loud voices. The players were glad the Granite City troop made their way to St. Louis once again to view this exciting event.

The crowd, however, did not see a victory for Granite City. Mt. Vernon won the game with a score of seven to five. Even with the defeat of the Warriors, the GCHS fans had an enjoyable time watching their team play. The fans were once again treated to a great exhibition of baseball played at exciting Busch Stadium.

The players from both teams were given memories they can cherish forever. They can tell their friends and families they once played at Busch Stadium where the champion Cardinals play.







1. The Warriors stand on the third-base line. 2. Bryan Johnson swings at a fast pitch. 3. Warriors Michael Ahlvers, Earl Niepert and Timothy Simon in the dugout. 4. Coach Don Harris, Kevin Harris, Kyle Briggs and Ryan Relleke look to their fans. 5. David Parker awaits the pitch. 6. Coach Don Harris watches his team with pride. 7. Coach Darren Depew looks on. 8. Loyal GCHS Baseball fans watch the big game. 9. Coach Gus Lignoul gets ready to step out on the field.



#### A SWINGING GOOD TIME

Tennis is a very challenging and demanding sport. It takes hours of practice for players to live up to their best potential. It takes agility, endurance, and stamina. This year's team possessed all of these qualities. As a result, they had a very successful vear.

The team was led by seniors Joseph Markel and Louis Prazma, according to Coach Allen Lobdell. Each presented outstanding leadership abilities, the ability to work well with others, and great talent. Other senior members included Thomas Hatley, Shawn Thomas, Aaron Bettorf and Derrick Webb.

Mr. Lobdell also stated junior members Christopher Carpenter and Timothy Goskie led the way for their age group. Other juniors that participated on the boys tennis team were Michael Hellrich, Scott Jackson, John Mills and Christopher Ousley.

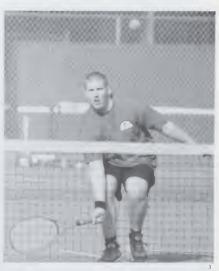
"Two promising sophomore players who had a great impact on boys this year were Robert Grady and Steven Graham," said Coach Lobdell. Mark Achenbach, Matthew Foley and Joeseph Herman were also important sophomore assets to the '96 season.

Newcomers to the boys tennis scene were freshmen Stephen Hendrickson, Bradley Hutchings, Daniel James, Timothy Knowlton, Brian Melson, Zebulon Moore, Andrew Ronk, Dustin Rosenburg and Steven Schroeder. Each played very well and showed exceptional talent.

Coach Allen Lobdell says, "This is the most promising year for the future of boys tennis at Granite City High School. The younger players will help our team in the future." Doubles players for this season consisted of six varsity players and six junior-varsity players. Each put out tremendous effort and are thanked for all of their hard work.

The team finished with an outstanding nine wins and three loses during team play and placed a strong third in the Southwestern Conference tournament. Congratulations to the entire 1996 boys tennis team on an excellent season.









1. BOYS TENNIS ROW 1: Brian Melson, Zebulon Moore, Bradley Hutchings, Timothy Knowlton, Steven Schroeder, Stephen Henderickson. ROW 2: Dustin Rosenburg, Louis Prazma, Christopher Carpenter, Robert Grady, Christopher Ousley, Scott Jackson, John Mills, Daniel James, Joseph Herman. ROW 3: Coach Allen Lobdell, Shaun Thomas, Derrick Webb, Aaron Bettorf, Timothy Goskie, Joseph Markel, Mark Achenbach, Matthew Foley, Steven Graham, Michael Hellrich. 2. Sophomore Steven Graham tries for an ace. 3. Senior Derrick Webb returns serve from an opponent. 4. Senior Aaron Bettorf waits to return the ball, 5, Scott Jackson vollies,



1. VARSITY: ROW 1: Sarah Signall, Kristin Sollberger, Kara Coleman. ROW 2: Christina Greathouse, Jan Shanafelt, Jill Ahlvers, Lisa Cuvar, Tonna Druhe, Emilee Rollins. ROW 3: Coach Deborah Germann, Erin Tongay, Amelia Tapp, Jennifer Willis, Jenna Wright, JV Coach Lisa Miller, Assistant Coach John Moad. 2. JUNIOR VARSITY: ROW 1: Jennifer Garner, Robyn Slater, Alexis Oliver, Andrea Davis. ROW 2: Kimberly Greer, Jillian Ponder, Jennifer Dallas, Tiffany Jennifer Dallas, Tiffany Jennifer Dallas, Tiffany Jensifer, Jessica Huniak, Natasha Douglas, Kimberly Groups, Jennifer Coach Deborah Germann. 3. Kara Coleman takes a swing.





## OUR G.C.H.S. SLUGGERS

The GCHS softball team this year went through many changes. Coaching the varsity team this year was Deb Germann who came to GCHS in 1994. This was her first year as head coach and she selected John Moad and Lisa Miller as her assistant coaches.

The varsity team had many returning letter winners. Seniors Erin Tongay, Jill Ahlvers, and Jennifer Willis served as the leaders for the team. Other players that returned with varsity experience were juniors Tonna Druhe, Christina Greathouse, and Amelia Tapp.

The Lady Warriors finished the season with a record of eight wins and eighteen loses but this does not show how much effort they put forth. They received some batting tees and a batting cage from the Boosters club that is ran by GCHS parents. This equipment helped the Lady Warriors greatly improve their skills. These skills helped the Lady Warriors finish second behind Civic Memorial in the Granite City High School Softball Tournament.

The team did very well in the post season. Their first Regional game was against Edwardsville who had beat the Warriors earlier in the year. The players worked hard and pulled off a close victory in extra innings. Then, in the second Regional game, the Lady Warriors played against Civic Memorial. They lost a hard fought game that was decided by one run.

The Lady Warriors finished their season strong and made many improvements throughout the year. The team had a very successful season.



1. GIRLS SOCCER: VARSITY ROW 1: Felicia Mohsen, Amber Hubert, Shannon Roth, Jamie Raub, Brandi Ficker. ROW 2: Rachel Mefford, Ismahan Mohsen, Rachel Kennerly, Kristen Knox, Kelly Sumpter, Tara Tomlinson, Michelle Montgomery, Amanda Nizinski, Kristin Stovall. ROW 3: Coach Allen Harris, Coach Virgil Kirksey, Jennifer Willman, Carrie Simpson, Crystal Timmons, Jaime Dellbringge, Connie Meyers, Kathryn Curran, Jessica Mefford, Coach Gene Baker. 2. JUNIOR VARSITY ROW 1: Leah Gamblin, Brianna Hacke, Julia Murphy, Rebekah Boone. ROW 2: Kristin Stovall, Evonne Raftery, Rebecca Talley, Brandi Tate, Stephanie Smiddy, Elizabeth Dittman, Brandi Ficker, Jamie Raub. ROW 3: Coach Virgil Kirksey, Amber Hubert, Amanda Townzen, Crystal Cavins, Debra Aaron, Melissa Montgomery, Pamela Krupco, Coach Allen Harris.



## LADY WARRIOR KICKERS

The 1996 Lady Warrior soccer team started out the season full of promise. The varsity team was coached by Mr. Gene Baker. The assistant coaches were Mr. Virgil Kirksey and Mr. Allan Harris. The squad of 1996 was considerably young, with only ten returning juniors and five returning sophomores. Captains for the varsity team were juniors Connie Meyers, Carrie Simpson and Amanda Nizinski. Before the season even started the team lost two varsity starters, Roxanne Simpson and Jaime Dellbringge. Dellbringge returned in the middle of the season.

Despite losing these players, the Warriors were very confident going into their season opener against Incarnate Word. The team's record was six wins, one tie, and two losses midway in the season before the St. Dominic Tournament. Two of these big wins were over Collinsville and O'Fallon, beating Collinsville

in double overtime.

The lady Warriors participated in the fourth annual St. Dominic/Francis Howell North Shootout. Top teams in the area competed in this tournament. Granite City started out the tournament with a 1-1 tie against St. Joseph's Academy. They continued the tournament with a 2-1 loss against Incarnate Word, and finished the tournament with a 3-1 victory over Duchesne.

The junior varsity squad, coached by Mr. Virgil Kirksey and Mr. Allen Harris, also had a great season. The team was made up of 18 incoming freshmen. The captains of the JV squad were Melissa Montgomery and Evonne Raftery. They started out their season tying Incarnate Word. The team, in the middle of the season, had won all of their conference games except for a loss to Collinsville.

This year Granite City had the honor of holding the first annual round robin freshmen tournament. The teams that competed were Francis Howell North, Hazlewood Central, Francis Howell, and Granite City. The winner of the tournament was Granite City, they had no losses during the tournament

The Lady Warriors had a good season. They had great team unity and played well together. The players never gave up, and kept fighting until the end. The squad worked very hard throughout the season. They hoped to pursue their goal of winning a championship trophy at the State Tournament.



#### RUN LIKE THE WIND

The 1996 track team showed great potential this season. The team started out the season with winter conditioning. This was a new program that allowed the athletes to prepare mentally and physically for the season. This was the first year for this program, and it gave students a chance to get in shape and discipline their bodies before the actual season began.

The track team was represented with almost an entirely new coaching staff, with the exception of Larry Curry. Coach Curry was in charge of discus and shot put in previous years. The new coaches were head coach Gene Briggs; jumping coach, Paul Macios, Tom Miller, distance events;

and Cindy Hartke coached the sprinters.

Both the girls and the boys track team compete in a large variety of events. The events consist of the 4x100, 4x200, 4x400, and 4x800 relays, the one & two mile run, the 400 & 800 run, & the 100 & 200 yard dashes. The field events are the high jump, long jump, triple jump, shot put, and discus. The boys hurdles are the 110 yard highs, the girls hurdles are the 100 yard intermediate and both girls and boys compete in the 300 yard intermediate hurdles.

The track season consisted of several meets, although some were more critical than others. The first meet of the season was the SIU indoor meet held in Carbondale. This was the only indoor meet of the season and it was

a great experience.

The more important meets were the Madison County Meet, Southwest Conference meet, and the Sectional meet, which determines the athletes who get to participate in the State Preliminaries. The State meet was held in Charleston.

Both the girls and boys track team pulled off an exciting season and GCHS hopes to see more seasons like this in the future.









1. BOYS TRACK: ROW 1: John Haug, Robert Harris, Curtis Howard, John Cottrell, Wesley Reed, Joseph Basuel, George Haldeman, Justin Gardiner, Jeffrey Hassel, Keith Donohue, April Wheatley. ROW 2: Benjamin Temple, Steve Moss, Thomas Hatley, George Wolfe, Stephen Logan, Matthew Bringer, Earl Clark, Jeremy Hunter, Craig Mooshegian, David Zellerman, Nathan Bain, Ryan Moneymaker, Aaron Howard, Joseph Laird, Justina York, Gretchen Wiegand, ROW 3: Coach Harold Briggs, Coach Paul Macios, Coach Tom Miller, Robert Lampitt, Matthew Hartin, Edward Connolly, Christopher Tindall, Kelly Huckelberry, Jay Laird Jr., Ryan Anderson, John Gardiner, Julian Landeros, Jeremy Smith, Coach Larry Curry, Coach Cindy Christopher. 2. Earl Clark does the long jump. 3: GIRLS TRACK: ROW 1: Heather Mell, Kathrin Hockele, Rebekah McGuire, Monica Widel, Angela Restoff, Stephanie Jovi, Stephanie Donaldson, Nicole Done, Ginger Gerstner. ROW 2: Amber Murphy, Jessica Stegelmeyer, Tanya Liesure, Christina Clutts, Amanda Ragan, Amanda Leisure, Andrea Jones, Amy Goodrich, Bonnie Hill, Alexandri Camburn, Tiffany Lapeire, Crystal Robinson, Stephanie Morlen. ROW 3: Coach Harold Briggs, Coach Tom Miller, Marissa Slattery, Coach Larry Curry, and Coach Cindy Christopher 4. Amy Goodrich, Christina Short, and Bonnie Hill practice on the starting blocks. 5. Coaches Paul Macios, Cindy Christopher, Tom Miller, Harold Briggs, and Larry Curry.











#### THE MUSICAL COMEDY MURDERS OF 1940

The 1996 spring play was "The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940." This play was similar to the game "Clue." The question "Who Dunnit?" was asked all night. Everyone was searching for the "stage door slasher."

The setting for the play was at the library of Elsa Von Grossenkneuten's mysterious home. In the library, there were three entrances to a series of underground passages which were under the house. Not only were the visitors trapped by a blizzard in a mysterious house, but there was a killer among them. The characters were all part of a fake audition set up by Elasa Von Grossenkneuten to capture the slasher. The writers in the play were Roger Hopewell played by Ben Ratchford, and Bernice Roth, played by Tracey Petrillo. In the play, director Kan De Lan Maize was played by Steve Mathes. The producer was Marjorie Baverstock played by Jaime Carney, and the financial supporter was Elsa Von Grossenkneuten, played by Andrea Malone.

As the night progressed people died at the hands of the slasher. First the maid died, played by Sarah Fielding, then Marjorie Bayerstock, and finally Patrick O'Reilly, played by Ryan Moenster. While trying to find the slasher, singer and dancer Nikki Crandall played by Amy Pennell falls in love with comedian Eddie McCuen, played by John Buxton. The stage door slasher, played by Matt Ely, was found to be Ken De Lan Maize. He, along with Deiter Wentzel, a German spy played by Sarah Fielding, were arrested by

Michael Kelly, played by Danny Dixon.

This play was in depth and hilarious at the same time. Many of the characters had alternate identities. Nikki Crandall was really a Navy ensign, and Patrick O'Reilly was really a German spy which was a friend of Dieter Wentzel who came back for revenge. Sarah Fielding played four different people throughout the play: her character was Helsa Wentzel, she also played Helsa's sister, Holga Wentzel, her brother, Dieter Wentzel, and her cousin, Katerina.

There were many great performances given. Seniors Andrea Malone, Jaime Carney, Michael Halbrook, who did much of the behind the scenes work, Tracey Petrillo and Ben Ratchford will be greatly missed. Yet there are many very talented actors and actresses still with us that will continue to give great

performances.



### REMEMBER ME THIS WAY

On April 27, the seniors at GCHS celebrated the 1996 prom. Although that particular Saturday was humid and rainy, the night still remained memorable. Nothing could dampen the spirits of this festive evening.

This year's prom theme was "Remember Me This Way" from the movie "Casper." The colors were an elegant ivory and gold.

Before the actual prom night, months of preparation were required. For the girls, dresses had to be purchased, ordered, or made-to-order. Their hair and nail appointments were scheduled. Only one small item remained — Finding a date.

Guys began ordering tuxedos or purchasing a new suit. They had to also think about the flowers and reserve a limousine. And, of course, get a girl to go with them.

Many couples, before prom, flocked to Wilson Park for photographs at the gazebo. Family and friends came to the park to see everyone on this special night. From there, depending on the mode of transportation, couples boarded their limousines, party buses, and cars to the Pipefitter's Hall where prom was being held.

Once arriving at prom, couples could again have more pictures taken before finding their designated tables. Everyone looked at everyone else to see what styles of dresses were the most popular.

After being welcomed, dinner was served. Once everyone had finished their meals, the true celebration began. The Disc Jockey turned up the music and couples and friends danced the night away. A few hours into the evening, girls had removed their shoes and boys took off their ties. This made everything more comfortable for serious dancing.

Prom ended at 11 o'clock and everyone promptly left to start their post-prom festivities. Some couples went for dessert and others decided to indulge in another big meal. No matter what was done afterward, everyone had a memorable, unforgettable night at the 1996 GCHS prom.







1. Nicole Hamilton, Heather Justice, James Conrad, Angela Bridges, Christopher Hatfield, Christie Belles, Antonio Hull, Kate Jacobs, and Jaime Carney. 2. Michalene Millas, Aaron Meyer, Michelle Martin, Patrick Ryan, Jennifer Stoppkotte and guest, and Stephanie Kohl. 3. Rebecca Besserman, Thomas Hatley, David Sorenson, Sabrina Schoen, Jennifer Kress and guest, Julie Dill, Jason Nesbit. 4. Prom participants wait to receive their dinner.







1. Jessica Harris, Tara Wiebush, Bradley Ervay, Elizabeth Goclan, Summer Kosuge, Kelly Weaver, Leann Byrd, Erin Signall. 2. Trisha Sumpter, Tammy Gerlach, John Gardiner, Christina Short, Matthew Hartin, Jessica Stegelmeyer, Robert Lampitt. 3. Students eagerly await to receive their meals. 4. Dawn Margrabe, Kelly Sumpter, Stacy SanSoucie, Greg Lawk. 5. Prom goers wait for the music to begin. 6. Cynthia Gagich, Michael Gagich, Gloria Schuman, Pat Schuman, John Caudron, Debbie Caudron, Mildred Noeth, James Noeth. 7. Joseph Gramm, Jeffrey Harbaugh, Jason Anderson. 8. Sonya Adkerson, Jerry McKechan, Suzanne McKechan, R. William Rotter, Mary Rotter, Barbara Kennerly, Allen Kennerly, Janice Hamilton.



### **CAMPAIGN 96**

Every four years there is a special event which takes place. It is the presidential election. Before any of this can happen, though, each candidate must first be nominated by their political party at their own national convention. Every four years Granite City also hosts a convention mocking the real one. Each convention is always terrific, this year's was no exception. The convention held in Granite City took place March 6,1996.

This year's convention was put on by the Social Studies Department, headed by Mr. Gary Kasprovich, and the Social Studies Club, headed by Mr. James Lombardi. The convention took place in the cafeteria of the High School. Students volunteered to be the delegates and the chairmen of each state. All 50 states, the commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the city of Washington D.C. were also included in

the convention.

Mr. Kasprovich and the other members of the Social Studies department were pleased with the number of students that attended the convention. It was the largest turnout at G.C.H.S. since the conventions began. He also said that the participation spoke well of the students and their interest for politics and the upcoming election.

Students also volunteered to give the speeches for each candidate. Michael Halbrook was the chairman of the convention. The secretary for the convention was Robert Lampitt. Stacey Brimm began the evening by singing the national anthem. Speakers at the convention were Steven Mathes, Andrea Malone, Patrick Mullen, Sarah Fielding, Tarra Falter, Jacquelyn Hale, Joshua Sedebras, Shaun McKeal, Daniel Timko, David Martin, Thomas Hatley, Douglas Mueller, James Rooney, Monique Arnold, and Sarah Eaton.

At the high school convention, for the Republicans, Pat Buchanan won by an overwhelming margin. Dole took a distant second, followed by Steve Forbes. Lamar Alexander took fourth place. Bill Clinton received the Democratic

nomination

Even though Pat Buchanan won at the convention held by the high school, Bob Dole won the Republican Party's nomination at the actual convention. The Republican National Convention took place in San Diego in August of 1996. The Democratic Convention was held in Chicago a few weeks later, with the incumbent, Bill Clinton, winning the Democratic nomination.









 Matthew Cooper, Brian Johnson, and Brad Neidhardt call for a vote as delegates from Connecticut. 2. Andrea Malone gives a speech for the Republican Party. 3. James Rooney nominates Bill Clinton for the Democratic Party. 4. Mark Mendenhall, Jeremy Hoback, Christopher Angle, Amanda Schermer and Tonna Druhe show their support as delegates from Mississippi. 5. Amanda Brazee attended the convention as a delegate from Nebraska.





#### GRAND FINALE

On May 31, 1996 the day every senior had been waiting for arrived-the day of graduation. The ceremony took place at 8:00 p.m. at Granite City Senior High School Memorial Stadium. Members of the class of 1996 began arriving to the field at 7:00. They gathered for a few final snapshots with their friends and teachers. Then to the delight of the students and their family and friends in attendance; the ceremony began.

The administration decided to follow the same format as the 1995 graduation. Many teachers participated and wore robes whose colors indicated their degree. This year it was also decided to keep the ceremony as short as possible. As a result, speeches were kept to a minimal length The first speaker was Principal R. William Rotter. The next speaker was the valedictorian of the class of 1996, Brian McMillan. After his remarks, the class salutatorian, Denise McMillan, gave her speech.

After Denise spoke, Superintendent Steve Balen gave the class of 1996 his words of congratulations. Finally it was time to award the seniors their diplomas. They were given out by the Board of Education Members and GCHS administrators. This was the highlight of the evening.

After the ceremony the crowds descended on the field. Graduates, some with teary eyes, found their friends and family and rejoiced. The time the class of 1996 spent at GCHS is now memories. There will be no more homecomings, hall talk, tardies, detentions, or anything else. Instead, the class will embark on new endeavors such as college, the military, or the work force. Undoubtedly the past four years will be engraved in their memories forever.









1. Valedictorian Brian McMillan speaks to the crowd. 2. Salutatorian Denise McMillan glances down at her notes while she gives her speech. 3. ROW 1: Superintendent Steve Balen, Board Members Eldin Rea, Jeff Parker, James Noeth, John Caudron. ROW 2: Board Members: Pete Novacich, Walt Whitaker, Ron Dillard. 4. Superintendent Steve Balen looks around the stadium before he begins to speak. 5. Principal R. William Rotter addresses the crowd. 6. Stacey Brimm sings the National Anthem.



1. F. Patrick Schuman and Erin Signall. 2. David Trower joins the graduating seniors. 3. Michael Halbrook and Andrea Malone. 4. The graduation class of 1996. 5. Summer Kosuge and Sarah Guoy wait for the ceremony to begin. 6. Noah Gonterman, Leann Byrd, Ronald Reinhardt, and Kris Mangaracino. 7. Stacey SanSoucie, Christie Castille, and Jill Ahlvers get ready to line up. 8. Aaron Hines, Eric Miles and Scott Smith. 9. Cynthia Gorka and Marcie Hollsinger. 10. Jaime Ahlers, Tara Wiebush, Kelly Weaver, and Erin Signall are anxious for the evening to begin and end. 11. German foreign exchange student Katrin Hoeckele and assistant principal Allen Kennerly.



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# A HARD DAY'S NIGHT



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# **YEARBOOK**



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# A CHALLENGING YEAR

A yearbook serves many purposes. One purpose is that of a history book. The book permanently places on paper the events of the year, outlining who was involved and what was accomplished.

The book's portrait section is a reference book. The book outlines the performance of

teams, organizations, and classes.

A yearbook will remain with you for years. It becomes a nostalgic remembrance.

Also the book acts as a representative for the school, students, teachers, and administrators. Distributed by the publisher throughout the United States, it is compared with other yearbooks.

For those who participate in the yearbook experience, the experience itself is a gathering of wisdom. The staff acquires knowledge and information in the areas of photography, artwork, graphics, writing, and sales. This year 11 ladies and 3 gentlemen took part in that experience.

The editor-in-chief was Amelia Tapp. Seniors included Melanie Gensert, Cynthia Gorka, Jessica Harris, Jeffrey Hoenig, Patrick Mullen, Matthew Owca, and Sarah Sig-

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Juniors included Courtney Blind, Kathryn Cooper, Kimberly Greer, Kristin Soll-

berger, Amy Thomas, and Jenna Wright.

These students were some of the wittiest and most entertaining in the school. They knew what had to be done and they did it. During the year, they were creative, hardworking, and talented. They filled 320 blank pages with photos, stories, and memories.

What began as a few ideas developed into a yearbook that will enhance the lives of everyone. Congratulations to Amelia Tapp and her staff of outstanding young women and men.



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1. Christopher Carpenter, Erin Tyler, Tonna Druhe, and Steve Mathes jump out of the building for the last time. 2. VI.C.A. boys and yearbook girls give a final wave to school. 3. Robin Bitzer goes to the locker for the last time. 4. Danny Bronnbauer & Christopher Bruzaitis wave 'bye.' 5. Adele Gorka says it's time to 'exit.'













